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  Correlation of primary tumor prostate-specific membrane
 antigen expression with disease recurrence in prostate
  cancer   .

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  PURPOSE: The restricted expression of the surface glycoprotein
prostrate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) to normal prostate ·
 tissue, primary and metastatic prostate cancer (PCa), and the
neovasculature of various nonprostatic epithelial malignancies has
enabled targeting strategies for PCa treatment using anti-PSMA
antibodies.   EXPERIMENTAL   DESIGN: Using prostatectomy specimens,
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on formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded sections of 136 cases of PCa.
Cytoplasmic immunoreactivity was scored for intensity and distribution, and
results were correlated with tumor grade, pathological stage, DNA ploidy
status (Feulgen spectroscopy), and disease ***recurrence*** . ***PSMA***
mRNA expression in selected primary tumors and metastatic lesions was also
detected using in situ hybridization and autoradiography. RESULTS:
Generally, PCa cells expressed relatively increased levels of PSMA as
compared with ·benign elements. Among the PCa cases, increased (high)
  PSMA   expression correlated with tumor grade (P = 0.030), pathological
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ng/ml at the time of diagnosis for the PSMA-overexpressing tumors was
significantly greater than the mean serum prostate-specific antigen
of 9.10 ng/ml for the non-PMSA-overexpressing group (P = 0.006). On
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   Can the reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction for
prostate specific antigen and prostate specific
membrane antigen improve staging and predict biochemical
recurrence?
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   OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the perioperative gene-specific primed nested
reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) for prostate
-specific antigen (PSA) and prostate-specific membrane
antigen (PSMA) for staging patients undergoing radical
prostatectomy and   ***predicting***   biochemical   ***recurrence***   . PATIENTS

AND METHODS: In 80 consecutive patients undergoing radical prostatectomy for prostate cancer , blood samples were drawn before, during and 1 and 7 days after removing the ***prostate*** . After buffy coat and mRNA extraction, gene-specific primed nested RT-PCR was performed for PSA, PSMA and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase mRNA, and Southern blot analysis of the PCR reaction. RESULTS: The sensitivity of gene-specific RT-PCR to detect tumour cells was comparable with random primed RT-PCR. In the 80 patients the stage distribution was pT1 in two (2.5%), pT2 in 30 (37.5%) and > or = pT3 in 48 (60%); the nodal status was pN0 in 57 (71%), pN1 in 11 (14%) and pN2 in 12 (15%). The gene-specific RT-PCR reaction for PSA and PSMA was positive in no patients with pT1, 11 (37%) with pT2 and 23 (48%) with stage > or = pT3 disease. The result for PSA was positive in 12 (52%) and for PSMA in 11 (48%) of those with positive nodal status. Neither gene-specific RT-PCR for PSA or ***PSMA*** was able to ***predict*** organ-confined disease (P > 0.5). After a median (range) follow-up of 37 (11-67) months a biochemical recurrence was predicted in 65% of patients by preoperative RT-PCR for both PSA and PSMA , with a sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive value of 58%, 80%, 87% and 47%, respectively; the assay after surgery predicted a recurrence in 73%, with respective values of 68%, 84%, 84% and ·57%. CONCLUSIONS: Gene-specific primed nested RT-PCR for PSA and PSMA is a sensitive and simple assay; it might add substantial information for tumour staging in individual patients. RT-PCR before surgery allows the ***prediction*** of ***recurrence*** in 65% of cases and after surgery in 73%.

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  Preoperative combined nested reverse transcriptase polymerase chain
reaction   for   prostate-specific   antigen   and   prostate-
specific   membrane   antigen   does   not correlate   with
pathologic   stage   or   biochemical   failure   in   patients   with   localized
  prostate   ***cancer***   undergoing radical prostatectomy.

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  PURPOSE: We   report   a   prospective   study   examining   the   ability   of
preoperative   nested   reverse   transcriptase   polymerase   chain   reaction
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clinically   localized   prostate   cancer   treated   with   radical
prostatectomy. PATIENTS AND METHODS: One hundred forty-one patients were
entered   onto the study. Preoperative evaluation included clinical T stage,
serum PSA,   biopsy Gleason score, and serum RT-PCR for PSA/PSM. Univariate
and   multivariate   logistic   regression models, Kaplan-Meier estimates, and
Cox proportional hazards modeling were used to identify predictors of
pathologic   stage   and biochemical failure. RESULTS: Seventy-three patients
(51.8%)   were   RT-PCR   positive   for PSA, PSM, or both. In the multivariate
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predictor .of   pathologic   stage as defined by organ-confined disease
(odds   ratio   [OR],   1.06;   95%   confidence   interval   [CI],   1.00 to 1.13; P
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PSA (OR, 1.05; 95% CI, 1.02 to 1.09; P =.004) and biopsy Gleason score (OR,
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biochemical   failure.   RT-PCR status did not   ***predict***   pathologic stage
or   biochemical failure. Repeat analysis excluding 27 patients who received
preoperative   androgen-deprivation   therapy   did   not   change   the   results.
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; *Prostatic Neoplasms--pathology--PA; *Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase
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   The role of (111)In Capromab Pendetide (Prosta-ScintR) immunoscintigraphy
in the management of   ***prostate***   ***cancer***   .
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is reactive with prostate specific membrane antigen
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picture of ***recurrent*** disease after surgery or radiation therapy.
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 Abnormal E-cadherin expression and prostate cell blood
dissemination as markers of biological ***recurrence*** in ***cancer*** .
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 Until now, no molecular parameter has been available for predicting
 the metastatic potential of prostate tumours, which leaves their
outcome uncertain despite an apparent benign histology or early stage.
Abnormal expression of adhesion molecules, such as E-cadherin, can be

contributing factors for increased invasiveness and metastatic potential. Histological analysis for E-cadherin expression was carried out on paraffin-embedded tumour tissues. Tumour metastatic potential was indirectly evaluated by detecting circulating prostate cells (CPC), using reverse transciptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) as a target. Patients were followed-up for a median of 14 months (range 10--19 months) after surgery with serum prostate-specific antigen (PSA) level measurement. Interestingly, 23 of 44 localised tumours exhibited aberrant E-cadherin expression. Prior to primary surgery, ***PSMA*** RT-PCR detected the spread of ***prostate*** cells to the blood in 24 patients. Statistical analysis showed that abnormal E-cadherin expression in the tumours was the only variable that was independently correlated with ***prostate*** cell dissemination in the blood (P<0.0001). In logistic regression analysis, abnormal E-cadherin expression was a significant independent ***predictor*** for a later biological ***relapse*** . This impaired adhesion status was clearly correlated with a haematogenous spread of the primary tumour cells. It could therefore be an objective way to restrict the indications for radical surgery to patients not presenting with this feature.

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Chemical Name: Antigens, Surface; Cadherins; Tumor Markers, Biological; Carboxypeptidases; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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Utility of capromab pendetide (ProstaScint) imaging in the management of

prostate   ***cancer***   .

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PURPOSE: Capromab   pendetide   (ProstaScint)   is   an   indium   In   111
((111)In)-labeled   monoclonal   antibody   to   prostate-specific
membrane   antigen   (PSMA)   used   to   image prostate
   cancer   . The   appropriate   techniques for obtaining images with this
modality and the appropriate clinical indications for this study are in the
process   of   being optimized. MATERIALS AND METHODS: From 1994 to 2000, 631
monoclonal   antibody   imaging   studies with (111)In capromab pendetide were
performed. The accuracy and utility of this modality in the primary staging
of patients with disease at high risk of metastasis and patients with
   recurrent   or   residual disease after primary therapy were evaluated.
RESULTS: In high-risk patients evaluated for risk of lymph node
metastases   prior   to   pelvic   lymph   node   dissection,   capromab pendetide
imaging   was   found to have a positive predictive value (PPV) of 62%,
negative   predictive   value   (NPV)   of   72%,   sensitivity of 62%, and
specificity of 72%. In patients evaluated with capromab pendetide imaging
for prostatic fossa recurrence using prostatic fossa needle biopsy as
the   gold   standard,   capromab pendetide imaging was found to have a PPV of
50%,   NPV   of 70%, sensitivity of 49%, and specificity of 71%. CONCLUSIONS:
The   sensitivity   and   NPV of (111)In capromab pendetide imaging are better
than   those   of   computed   tomography   and   magnetic   resonance imaging for
detection   of   soft-tissue   and   nodal   metastases   from   prostate
   cancer   . The   utility of this modality has been demonstrated in the
primary staging of patients with disease at high   ***risk***   of metastasis.
Patients with recurrent or residual disease after primary therapy
also may benefit from capromab pendetide imaging prior to selection of
salvage   therapy. Innovative   methods   for   the   use of capromab pendetide
imaging in radiation therapy treatment planning are under development.

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Value of reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction assay in pathological stage T3N0   ***prostate***   ***cancer***   .
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BACKGROUND: We tested the ability of the nested reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) assay to detect signs of biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer in the lymph nodes and peripheral blood of patients with pT3N0   ***prostate***   ***cancer***   . METHODS: Using lymph nodes and pre- and postoperative peripheral blood dissected from 30 patients with pT3N0 prostate cancer treated by radical prostatectomy, we used RT-PCR for prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSM) and serum prostate -specific antigen (PSA) to determine the presence of   ***prostate***   ***cancer***   . Results of the nested RT-PCR assay were compared with pathological stages and biochemical   ***recurrence***   . RESULTS: Two of 13 patients with capsular penetration (15%), 6 of 10 patients with invasion of seminal vesicles (60%), and 3 of 7 patients with a positive surgical margin (43%) were RT-PCR-positive for PSM and/or PSA in the lymph nodes. Results of preoperative RT-PCRs of peripheral blood for PSM and for PSA significantly differed between positive and negative results of RT-PCR in lymph nodes (P < 0.001 and P < 0.001, respectively). Results of postoperative RT-PCRs of peripheral blood for PSM and for PSA also significantly different between positive and negative results of RT-PCR in lymph nodes (P = 0.011 and P = 0.001, respectively). Nine of 11 patients with positive nested RT-PCR for PSM and/or PSA in the lymph nodes (82%) experienced biochemical   ***recurrence***   . Significant difference in Kaplan-Meier   ***recurrence*** -free actuarial curves was noted between patients who nested positive and negative on RT-PCR in the lymph nodes, pre- and postoperative peripheral blood, biopsy and prostatectomy Gleason score, and preoperative PSA values. In multivariate analysis, biopsy and prostatectomy Gleason score (P = 0.026, P = 0.020, respectively), pre- and postoperative RT-PCR for PSM in peripheral blood (P = 0.030 and P = 0.040, respectively), and RT-PCR for PSM in lymph nodes (P = 0.035) were independent prognostic factors. CONCLUSIONS: Nested RT-PCR assay of the lymph nodes or peripheral blood significantly   ***predicted***   biochemical   ***recurrence***   after surgery. It may help identify patients at risk for recurrence and progression of   ***prostate***   ***cancer***   . Copyright 2000 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

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--pathology--PA; *Prostate-Specific Antigen--analysis--AN; *Prostatic
Neoplasms--pathology--PA...; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; Humans; Lymph
Nodes--chemistry--CH; Lymph Nodes--pathology--PA; Middle Aged; Neoplasm
Recurrence, Local--blood--BL; Neoplasm Recurrence, Local
--diagnosis--DI; Predictive Value of Tests; Proportional Hazards
Models; Prostate--chemistry--CH; Prostate-Specific Antigen
--blood--BL; Prostate-Specific Antigen--genetics--GE; Prostatic
Neoplasms--blood--BL; Prostatic Neoplasms--diagnosis--DI; RNA, Neoplasm
--chemistry...
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Carboxypeptidases; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate
carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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   Detection of micrometastatic prostate cancer cells in the
lymph nodes by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction is
predictive of biochemical recurrence in pathological stage T2
   prostate ***cancer*** .
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dissected from 38 patients with localized prostate cancer
treated with radical prostatectomy. The results of nested RT-PCR assay were
compared with biochemical ***recurrence*** . RESULTS: Nested RT-PCR was
positive in the lymph nodes of 2 of 18 patients (11%) with stage pT2a and 5
of 20 (25%) with stage pT2b disease. All 7 patients had biochemical
recurrence . We noted a significant difference in the Kaplan-Meier
recurrence -free actuarial probability curve in those with positive
and negative nested RT-PCR results for prostate specific
membrane antigen, PSA and prostate specific
membrane ***antigen*** -PSA in the lymph nodes (p = 3.02x10(-7),
2.23x10(-7) and 3.02x10(-7), respectively). Multivariate analysis of serum
PSA, Gleason score and preoperative RT-PCR assay in peripheral blood showed
that nested RT-PCR for prostate specific membrane
antigen, PSA and prostate specific membrane
antigen-PSA in the lymph nodes were independent predictors of
recurrence (p = 0.0089, 0.0075 and 0.0089, respectively).
CONCLUSIONS: Nested RT-PCR of the lymph nodes may be a useful pretreatment
prognostic test for patients undergoing radical prostatectomy. Further
research is necessary using a much larger number of patients with a longer
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   ; Aged; Humans; Lymphatic Metastasis; Middle Aged; Neoplasm
Recurrence, Local--blood--BL; Neoplasm Recurrence, Local
--epidemiology--EP; Neoplasm Staging; Predictive Value of Tests;
Prognosis; Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; Prostatectomy;
Prostatic Neoplasms--blood--BL; Prostatic Neoplasms--surgery--SU; Reverse
Transcriptase...
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   Chemical Name: Prostate-Specific Antigen

12532268   PMID: 10477909
  Circulating levels of interleukin-6 in patients with hormone refractory
  prostate   ***cancer***   .

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  BACKGROUND: Interleukin-6 (IL-6) is a cytokine that plays a central role
in host defense due to its wide range of immune and hematopoietic
activities. It is found in high levels in human ejaculate, and has recently
been found to regulate prostate-specific protein expression in
prostate cancer cells through nonsteroidal activation of the
androgen receptor. IL-6 may be a candidate mediator of morbidity in
patients with metastatic disease. We attempted to evaluate the potential of
circulating IL-6 levels as a marker of disease progression. MATERIALS AND
METHODS Serum IL-6, prostate specific antigen (PSA), percent free PSA
(%fPSA), and prostate-specific membrane antigen (
PSMA) were measured using commercially available assays in 407 men,
including 15 controls. The rest of the study population had clinical or
histologic evidence of prostate diseases, including 41 patients with
chronic prostatitis, 167 with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), 8 with
high-grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN), 88 with localized
prostate cancer, 22 with local recurrence after treatment
of primary tumor, 4 with advanced untreated disease (nodal or bony
metastases), 23 with advanced hormone dependent disease, and 39 with
advanced hormone refractory disease (PSA > 1.0 ng/ml while on hormone
treatment and/or evidence of disease progression). None had history of
concurrent ***malignancy*** or acute inflammatory condition. Kruskal-Wallis
analysis of variance and Spearman's correlation analysis were used for
statistical analyses. RESULTS: Serum levels of IL-6 were significantly
elevated in patients with clinically evident hormone refractory disease
(5.7 +/- 1.9 pg/ml) and statistical significance was seen when comparing
the elevated serum IL-6 levels to those in normal controls, prostatitis,
BPH, and localized and ***recurrent*** disease, (P values < 0.01). Compared
to serum levels of controls and BPH, PSA was significantly elevated in
advanced untreated disease and hormone refractory groups (P < 0.05).
Percent fPSA was significantly lower in all cancer patients but the
hormone refractory. Serum ***PSMA*** . was elevated in advanced untreated
  prostate   ***cancer*** . Serum IL-6 showed positive correlation with
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    Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
    Chemical Name: Antineoplastic Agents, Hormonal; Interleukin-6; Tumor Markers, Biological; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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    Detection of prostate-specific antigen- or prostate-specific membrane antigen-positive circulating cells in prostatic ***cancer*** patients: clinical implications.
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  OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the clinical benefit from using circulating prostate-specific antigen (PSA) and prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSM) mRNA detection in prostate ***cancer*** staging and in follow-up. METHODS: Nested reverse

transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) assays were performed on RNA extracted from blood drawn from 56 patients with prostate ***cancer*** before any treatment. Additionally, assays were done on posttreatment samples from 50 patients who were followed up by serum PSA level, to determine whether any relationship exists between RT-PCR results and tumor ***recurrence*** . The ***prostate*** cell specificity of assays was evaluated by analysis of 21 blood samples from women or cystoprostatectomized men. RESULTS: With PSM RT-PCR assay, good sensitivity and prostate cell specificity could not be attained together, since high PSM mRNA illegitimate expression has been shown in some healthy donor bloods. For this reason, only PSA RT-PCR assay was used as a clinical marker. PSA mRNA was detected in peripheral blood of 4 out of 31 patients with clinically localized ***prostate*** ***cancer*** . It showed no relationship to the pathologic stage, but significant relationship to metastatic status, lymph node involvement and Gleason score. During follow-up, circulating PSA mRNA was detected in 8 out of 17 (47%) patients in treatment failure and in only 1 out of 33 (3%) successfully treated patients, with significant relationship between RT-PCR results and concomitant serum PSA levels. CONCLUSION: Our study reveals no significant advantage to PSA RT-PCR assay (1) in improving the staging of clinically localized prostate cancer or (2) in follow-up treatment failure, as compared to the usual ***recurrence*** marker (serum PSA). Additional investigations are needed to determine the ultimate significance and the management of patients with positive PSA RT-PCR assays.

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Chemical Name: Antigens, Neoplasm; Antigens, Surface; Tumor Markers, Biological; Carboxypeptidases; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate-Specific Antigen

12499364   PMID: 10444137
   Preoperative nested reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction for prostate specific membrane antigen predicts
 biochemical ***recurrence*** after radical prostatectomy.

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   OBJECTIVE: To assess the utility of the nested reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) method for measuring prostate specific membrane antigen (PSM) and prostate specific antigen (PSA) in predicting serum PSA ***recurrence*** after radical prostatectomy. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Nested RT-PCRs for PSM and PSA were used in 40 patients who subsequently underwent radical prostatectomy. The accuracy of the RT-PCR assays in predicting PSA failure was compared with those for the preoperative serum PSA level, Gleason score and final pathological staging. The patients were monitored using a PSA assay (Tandem-R, Hybritech, San Diego, CA) at 3 weeks after radical prostatectomy and every 2 months thereafter. Biochemical ***recurrence*** was defined as a serum PSA level of $>/=0.4$ ng/mL. RESULTS: Statistical analysis indicated that the nested RT-PCR assay for PSM was the most accurate preoperative predictor of potential surgical failure (PCR-PSM, $P<0.001$; PCR-PSA, $P=0.018$; serum PSA level, $P=0.149$; Gleason score $P=0.388$, by Fisher's exact probability test). Biochemical recurrence was evaluated in relation to these methods during a mean (range) follow-up of 16.7 (6-35) months. Of the 40 patients, eight (20%, one with organ-confined cancer and seven with extraprostatic extension of cancer) developed biochemical ***recurrence*** . The Kaplan-Meier ***recurrence*** -free actuarial probability curves differed significantly between patients with positive and those with negative results for the preoperative nested RT-PCR for PSM ($P<0.01$, generalized Wilcoxon's test). The nested RT-PCR for PSA, preoperative serum PSA value and Gleason score were not significant ***predictors*** of biochemical ***recurrence*** ($P=0.16$, 0.12 and 0.24, respectively). CONCLUSIONS: The nested RT-PCR for PSM was the best preoperative predictor of biochemical recurrence among the factors examined.

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   recurrence among the factors examined.
   Descriptors: *Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--blood--BL; *
Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; *Prostatic Neoplasms--blood--BL
; *Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction; Aged; Humans; Middle
Aged; Predictive Value of Tests; Prognosis; Prostatectomy; Prostatic
Neoplasms--surgery--SU; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov
   Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
   Chemical Name: Prostate-Specific Antigen

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12204450   PMID: 10632336
   Prostate-specific membrane antigen levels in sera
from healthy men and patients with benign prostate hyperplasia or
   prostate ***cancer*** .
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   Document type: Journal Article
   Languages: ENGLISH
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patients with advanced ***prostate*** disease. The objective of the present
study was to confirm PSMA serum expression by Western blot
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differentiation of benign from malignant prostatic disease, and to
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individuals and ***cancer*** patients by Western blot analysis. Within the
normal male population, PSMA levels increase with age and were found
to be significantly elevated in subjects more than 50 years of age when
compared to those of younger men. We did not confirm previous reports that
serum PSMA measurements could distinguish late-stage prostate
carcinoma from early-stage prostate carcinoma, nor did we
find PSMA to be more effective than prostate-specific antigen
in monitoring ***prostate*** ***cancer*** patient prognosis. Furthermore,
we found elevated serum PSMA in healthy females, and, similar to the
healthy male population, the levels increased with age, with the highest
levels found in the sera from breast ***cancer*** patients. These latter
observations further support that PSMA is not a specific biomarker
for prostate cancer and that a variety of normal and diseased
tissue may contribute to the serum levels of ***PSMA*** .

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levels of ***PSMA*** .
   ; Adult; Aged; Aged, 80 and over; Comparative Study; Glutamate
Carboxypeptidase II; Humans; Middle Aged; Prostate-Specific Antigen
--blood--BL; Prostatic Hyperplasia--diagnosis--DI; Prostatic Neoplasms
--diagnosis--DI; Prostatic Neoplasms--pathology...
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   Chemical Name: Antigens, Neoplasm; Antigens, Surface; Carboxypeptidases;
Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human;
Prostate-Specific Antigen

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11958620   PMID: 9790041
   Indium-111 capromab pendetide (ProstaScint) imaging to detect
   recurrent and metastatic ***prostate*** ***cancer*** .

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This study evaluated the utility of In-111 capromab pendetide imaging to detect ***prostate*** ***cancer*** metastases or local ***recurrence*** .
The specific goal was to identify clinical factors such as prostate -specific antigen, pathologic stage, and Gleason score that were most ***predictive*** of a positive scan outcome. In addition, a new concept of a weighted Gleason score was defined and correlated with the scan outcome. Fifty-one patients with an elevated prostate-specific antigen level and otherwise negative workup were studied. Forty-eight patients had been treated by radical prostatectomy, two by radiation therapy, and one patient was studied before prostatectomy. Each patient received an intravenous injection of approximately 5 mCi of In-111 containing 0.5 mg of CYT 356, a conjugated site-specific monoclonal antibody against prostate ***specific*** ***membrane*** ***antigen*** . Tomographic blood pool images
were obtained the day of injection. Four days later planar images and tomographic images of the abdomen and pelvis were obtained. Scans were interpreted by two experienced nuclear medicine physicians. Differences in the scan interpretation were settled by consensus. Scan outcomes were correlated with prostate-specific antigen levels, pathologic stage, Gleason score, weighted Gleason score, and clinical data. Of 51 scans, 70.6% (36 of 51) were positive. Eight patients had abnormal activity in the prostatic fossa, 12 patients had abnormal activity in the abdominal or pelvic lymph nodes, and 16 patients demonstrated abnormal activity in both areas. One patient with a positive scan underwent lymphadenectomy and was confirmed to be a true positive. Patients with a ***prostate*** -specific antigen level greater than 10 ng/ml, a weighted Gleason score higher than 4.5, or ***prostate*** -specific antigen levels greater than 2 ng/ml plus a weighted score higher than 4.5 showed positive rates of 100% (6 of 6), 88.2% (14 of 16), and 100% (6 of 6), respectively. In-111 capromab pendetide imaging was useful to detect metastases or local recurrence . Serum ***prostate*** -specific antigen levels and weighted Gleason scores are good predictive factors of the likelihood of a positive scan outcome.

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   Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
   Chemical Name: Antibodies, Monoclonal; Indium Radioisotopes; Capromab Pendetide; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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11788103   PMID: 9610707
   Prostate specific membrane antigen expression in
prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia and adenocarcinoma: a study of 184 cases.
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   BACKGROUND: Prostate specific membrane antigen
 (PSM) is a membrane-bound antigen that is highly specific for benign and
   malignant   ***prostate***   epithelial cells. Its expression in high grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN) has not been compared with that in ***prostate***   ***carcinoma*** . METHODS: The authors performed an immunohistochemical study of representative sections from 184 radical prostatectomies from previously untreated patients with pathologic stage T2N0M0 adenocarcinoma treated at the Mayo Clinic between 1987 and 1991. Affinity-purified monoclonal antibody 7E11-5.3 directed against PSM was employed at a concentration of 20 microg/mL overnight. For comparison, serial sections in each case were stained with prostate specific antigen (PSA). Staining for all antibodies was performed using the streptavidin-biotin method. For each case, the percentage of immunoreactive cells in benign epithelium, PIN, and adenocarcinoma was estimated in increments of 10%. Cox proportional hazards models were used to identify the risk of carcinoma recurrence according to the number of immunoreactive PIN or cancer cells for PSM and PSA; the date of

radical prostatectomy was used as the starting time, and serum PSA (biochemical) failure or clinical failure was the event. PSA biochemical failure was defined as serum PSA > 0.2 ng/mL at least 30 days after surgery. RESULTS: Intense cytoplasmic immunoreactivity for PSM was observed in the benign and neoplastic epithelial cells in all cases (100% of cases staining). The number of cells staining was lower in benign epithelium and PIN than in adenocarcinoma (69.5+/-17.3% [range, 20-90%] vs. 77.9+/-13.2% [range, 30-100%] vs. 80.2+/-13.7% [range, 30-100%], respectively). With rare exceptions, basal cells were negative, and there was no immunoreactivity of the ***prostate*** stroma, urothelium, or vasculature. Adenocarcinoma gave the most intense and extensive staining, and the highest grades of adenocarcinoma (Gleason primary patterns 4 and 5) showed staining in virtually every cell; there was greater heterogeneity of staining in lower grades of adenocarcinoma. By contrast, PSA immunoreactivity was more intense and extensive in benign epithelium than in PIN and adenocarcinoma. The number of immunoreactive PIN or ***cancer*** cells for PSM and PSA was not predictive of PSA biochemical or clinical failure as defined in this study. CONCLUSIONS: PSM was expressed in all cases of prostate adenocarcinoma, with the greatest extent and intensity observed in the highest grades. The expression increased incrementally from benign epithelium to high grade PIN or adenocarcinoma. Conversely, PSA showed the greatest staining in benign epithelium, with decreased expression incrementally from benign epithelium to high grade PIN or adenocarcinoma. Expression of PSM is clinically useful for the identification of prostate epithelium, particularly PIN or adenocarcinoma, and its expression is regulated independent of PSA. The number of PSM immunoreactive cells was not predictive of recurrence , most likely because of the presence of abundant immunoreactivity in most cases, or because of differential expression in primary and metastatic disease.

Prostate specific membrane antigen expression in prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia and adenocarcinoma: a study of 184 cases.
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BACKGROUND: Prostate specific membrane antigen (PSM) is a membrane-bound antigen that is highly specific for benign and ***malignant*** ***prostate*** epithelial cells. Its expression in high grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN) has not been compared with that in ***prostate*** ***carcinoma*** . METHODS: The authors performed an immunohistochemical study of representative sections from 184 radical prostatectomies from...

... of 20 microg/mL overnight. For comparison, serial sections in each case were stained with ***prostate*** specific antigen (PSA). Staining for all antibodies was performed using the streptavidin-biotin method. For...

...was estimated in increments of 10%. Cox proportional hazards models were used to identify the risk of carcinoma recurrence according to the number of immunoreactive PIN or cancer cells for PSM and PSA; the date of radical prostatectomy was used as the starting...

... respectively). With rare exceptions, basal cells were negative, and there was no immunoreactivity of the prostate stroma, urothelium, or vasculature. Adenocarcinoma gave the most intense and extensive staining, and the highest...
... extensive in benign epithelium than in PIN and adenocarcinoma. The number of immunoreactive PIN or cancer cells for PSM and PSA was not predictive of PSA biochemical or clinical failure as defined in this study. CONCLUSIONS: PSM was expressed in all cases of ***prostate*** adenocarcinoma, with the greatest extent and intensity observed in the highest grades. The expression increased...

...high grade PIN or adenocarcinoma. Expression of PSM is clinically useful for the identification of prostate epithelium, particularly PIN or adenocarcinoma, and its expression is regulated independent of PSA. The number of PSM immunoreactive cells was not predictive of recurrence , most likely because of the presence of abundant immunoreactivity in most cases, or because of...

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...Enzyme No.: II); EC 3.4.17.21 (glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human) ; EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)

Chemical Name: Antigens, Surface; Carboxypeptidases; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate -Specific Antigen

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Capromab pendetide. A review of its use as an imaging agent in ***prostate*** ***cancer*** .
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Capromab pendetide, radiolabelled with indium-111, is a radioimmunoscintigraphic imaging agent used in patients with prostate ***cancer*** . It consists of a murine monoclonal antibody (7E11-C5.3) covalently jointed to a linker-chelator molecule. 7E11-C5.3 is thought to be directed against the intracellular domain of human prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA), a transmembrane glycoprotein expressed by ***prostate*** epithelial cells. The diagnostic utility of capromab pendetide has been investigated in 2 distinct patient groups. In patients with untreated ***prostate*** ***cancer*** at high risk for pelvic lymph node metastases, capromab pendetide imaging had respective sensitivities and specificities of 52 and 96% in 1 study and 62 and 72% in another, as confirmed by pelvic lymph node dissection biopsy results. In patients with suspected occult ***recurrent*** or residual disease after prostatectomy, capromab pendetide had respective sensitivities and specificities of 49 and 71% in 1 study and 77 and 35% in another for detection of ***cancer*** in the ***prostate*** bed. Almost half of these patients also had evidence of lesions outside the prostate fossa (usually in the pelvic and abdominal lymph nodes) according to immunoscintigraphic scans, but too few cases were confirmed to allow an evaluation of capromab pendetide. Four per cent of patients who received single doses of capromab pendetide experienced adverse events. Elevated bilirubin levels, hypertension and hypotension each affected 1% of patients and elevated liver enzymes and injection site reactions < 1% of patients. Detectable human anti-mouse antibodies were reported in 8% of patients after a single dose of capromab pendetide and in 19% of patients after repeat infusions. CONCLUSIONS: Capromab pendetide offers improved sensitivity in the detection of prostate cancer over other noninvasive techniques. When used in conjunction with other techniques, it offers the possibility of defining the extent of localised and metastatic disease, thereby refining patient management.

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   Prospective analysis of prostate-specific markers in pelvic lymph
nodes of patients with high- ***risk***   ***prostate***   ***cancer***   .
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Title: The role of In-111 Capromab Pendetide (ProstaScint(R))
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Title: Neither PSMA RT-PCR nor MTHFR genotype predicts PSA
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    reaction (RT-PCR), indicating that neoadjuvant hormone deprivation
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    initially characterized by the monoclonal antibody (mAb) 7E11.
    PSMA is highly expressed in prostate secretory-acinar
    epithelium and prostate cancer as well as in several
    extraprostatic tissues. Recent evidence suggests that   ***PSMA***   is
    also expressed in tumor-associated neovasculature. We examined the
    immunohistochemical characteristics of 7E11 and those of four recently
    developed anti- ***PSMA***   mAbs (J591, J415, and Hybritech PEQ226.5 and
    PM2J004.5), each of which binds a distinct epitope of   ***PSMA*** . Using
    the streptavidin-biotin method, we evaluated these mAbs in viable
    prostate cancer cell lines and various fresh-frozen benign
    and   ***malignant***   tissue specimens. In the latter, we compared the
    localization of the anti-PSMA mAbs to that of the antiendothelial
    cell mAb CD34. With rare exceptions, all five anti- ***PSMA***   mAbs
    reacted strongly with the neovasculature of a wide spectrum of
    malignant neoplasms: conventional (clear cell) renal
    carcinoma (11 of 11 cases), transitional cell carcinoma of
    the urinary bladder (6 of 6 cases), testicular embryonal
    carcinoma (1 of 1 case), colonic adenocarcinoma (5 of 5 cases),
    neuroendocrine carcinoma (5 of 5 cases), glioblastoma multiforme
    (1 of 1 cases), malignant melanoma (5 of 5 cases), pancreatic
    duct carcinoma (4 of 4 cases), non-small cell lung
    carcinoma (5 of 5 cases), soft tissue sarcoma (5 of 6 cases),
    breast carcinoma (5 of 6 cases), and prostatic adenocarcinoma (2
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    tumor-associated neovasculature was confirmed by CD34
    immunohistochemistry in sequential tissue sections. Normal vascular
    endothelium in non-cancer-bearing tissue was consistently
      PSMA   negative. The anti- ***PSMA***   mAbs reacted with the
    neoplastic cells of prostatic adenocarcinoma (12 of 12 cases) but not
    with the neoplastic cells of any other tumor type, including those of
    benign and malignant vascular tumors (0 of 3 hemangiomas, 0 of 1
    hemangioendothelioma, and 0 of 1 angiosarcoma). The mAbs to the
    extracellular   ***PSMA***   domain (J591, J415, and Hybritech PEQ226.5)
    bound viable prostate cancer cells (LNCaP and PC3-PIP),
    whereas the mAbs to the intracellular domain (7E11 and Hybritech
    PM2J004.5) did not. All five anti- ***PSMA***   mAbs reacted with
    fresh-Frozen benign prostate secretory-acinar epithelium (28 of
    28 cases), duodenal columnar (brush border) epithelium (11 of 11
    cases), proximal renal tubular epithelium (5 of 5 cases), colonic
    ganglion cells (1 of 12 cases), and benign breast epithelium (8 of 8
    cases). A subset of skeletal muscle cells was positive with 7E11 (7 of

7 cases) and negative with the other four anti- ***PSMA*** mAbs.
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    cancer and second leading cause of cancer-related death
    among men. The use of markers, particularly serum-based   ***prostate***
    specific antigen (PSA), has contributed to the rapid rise in diagnosed
    cases in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but new diagnostic and
    possible therapeutic markers are needed and are currently being
    evaluated. One of these,   ***prostate*** - ***specific***   ***membrane***

    antigen (PSMA), is an approximately 100-kDa type II
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    expressed in all types of prostatic tissue, with expression being
    upregulated in androgen-depleted or androgen-independent states. The
    radioimmunoconjugate form of the anti-PSMA monoclonal antibody
    (mAb) 7E11 is currently being used to diagnose prostate
      cancer   metastasis and   ***recurrence*** . In addition, Phase I and
    II trials have started utilizing PSMA in different therapeutic
    ways, with promising results. Recent exciting work has demonstrated
    PSMA expression in endothelial cells of vessels restricted to the
    tumor-associated neo-vasculature. This finding expands the possible
    beneficial uses of PSMA, as new anti-PSMA mAbs continue to
    be developed.

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Descriptors: *Decision Making, Computer-Assisted; *Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--radionuclide imaging--RI; *Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--radiotherapy--RT; *Postoperative Care--methods--MT ; *Prostatic Neoplasms--radionuclide imaging--RI; *Prostatic Neoplasms --radiotherapy...

; Aged; Aged, 80 and over; Humans; Middle Aged; Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--blood--BL; Physician's Practice Patterns; Prognosis; Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; Prostatectomy; Prostatic Neoplasms--blood--BL; Prostatic Neoplasms--surgery--SU; Research Support ...

Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
Chemical Name: Prostate-Specific Antigen

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Correlation of primary tumor prostate-specific membrane antigen expression with disease recurrence in prostate cancer.
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    PURPOSE: The restricted expression of the surface glycoprotein
prostrate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) to normal prostate
 tissue, primary and metastatic prostate cancer (PCa), and the
neovasculature of various nonprostatic epithelial malignancies has enabled
targeting strategies for PCa treatment using anti- ***PSMA*** antibodies.
EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: Using prostatectomy specimens, immunohistochemical
staining for PSMA (7E11 antibody) was performed on formalin-fixed
paraffin-embedded sections of 136 cases of PCa. Cytoplasmic
immunoreactivity was scored for intensity and distribution, and results
were correlated with tumor grade, pathological stage, DNA ploidy status
(Feulgen spectroscopy), and disease ***recurrence*** .   ***PSMA***   mRNA
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detected using in situ hybridization and autoradiography. RESULTS:
Generally, PCa cells expressed relatively increased levels of PSMA as
compared with benign elements. Among the PCa cases, increased (high)
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Neoplasms--pathology--PA; * ***Recurrence*** ...; Autoradiography; Cytoplasm
--metabolism--ME; Humans; Immunohistochemistry; In Situ Hybridization;
Middle Aged; Multivariate Analysis; Neoplasm Metastasis; Prognosis;
RNA, Messenger--metabolism--ME; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Time
Factors

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  Molecular markers in prostate cancer: the role in preoperative
staging.
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  Radical prostatectomy as a primary treatment for clinically localized
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to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening and the awareness of the
increased incidence of localized disease. Despite the stage migration to
increase clinically localized disease, there are still vast numbers of men
who harbor occult extraprostatic extension and develop recurrence
after surgery. The study of molecular markers in the blood or tissue of
surgical patients prior to treatment, called " molecular staging, " is the
focus of this review. The reverse transcriptase- polymerase chain reaction
(RT-PCR) test for PSA gene expression in peripheral blood or bone marrow
has received considerable attention since its first report in 1992. The
test detects messenger RNA species for prostate-specific/abundant
genes such as PSA and prostate-specific membrane
 antigen . These messenger RNAs were not detected in normal blood or
bone marrow, but were detected in some prostate cancer patients
presumably due to circulating prostatic epithelial cells. These
prostate epithelial cells are thought to be occult metastases cells,
and early studies correlated a positive RT-PCR test with surgical pathology
adverse features such as positive margins. Despite the many studies over
the past few years, there have been inconsistent results, and the most
recent studies have not been able to confirm clinical utility. Bone marrow
RT-PCR has been more promising; however, it is still a research tool that
needs further study. The study of molecular markers in tissue material, ie,
prostate biopsy samples prior to radical prostatectomy, is
problematic due to the sampling error inherent in a multifocal
heterogeneous tumor such as ***prostate*** cancer. The tumor suppressor

proteins p53 and p27, Bcl-2 oncoprotein, Ki-67 proliferation index protein, E-cadherin, and microvessel density have been assessed in preradical prostatectomy needle biopsy. Results have been conflicting, and none are yet accepted as a clinically useful marker. Current and future work is focusing on analysis of multiple gene expressions or proteins simultaneously via gene chip or proteomics technology. While these expression profiles might be of value in whole prostate surgical specimens where tissues are well characterized, it is unclear how this new technology will be applied to the needle biopsy samples. Although molecular staging of radical prostatectomy patients has been under study for a decade, all assays remain research tools. Still, this area holds great promise for improving the accuracy of staging and providing a more accurate prognosis of individual men with clinically localized prostate cancer.

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    Chemical Name: RNA, Messenger; Tumor Markers, Biological; Prostate -Specific Antigen

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    Value of reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction assay in

pathological stage T3N0   ***prostate***   cancer.

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   BACKGROUND: We tested the ability of the nested reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) assay to detect signs of biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer in the lymph nodes and peripheral blood of patients with pT3N0   ***prostate***   cancer. METHODS: Using lymph nodes and pre- and postoperative peripheral blood dissected from 30 patients with pT3N0 prostate cancer treated by radical prostatectomy, we used RT-PCR for prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSM) and serum prostate -specific antigen (PSA) to determine the presence of   ***prostate***   cancer. Results of the nested RT-PCR assay were compared with pathological stages and biochemical   ***recurrence***   . RESULTS: Two of 13 patients with capsular penetration (15%), 6 of 10 patients with invasion of seminal vesicles (60%), and 3 of 7 patients with a positive surgical margin (43%) were RT-PCR-positive for PSM and/or PSA in the lymph nodes. Results of preoperative RT-PCRs of peripheral blood for PSM and for PSA significantly differed between positive and negative results of RT-PCR in lymph nodes (P < 0.001 and P < 0.001, respectively). Results of postoperative RT-PCRs of peripheral blood for PSM and for PSA also significantly different between positive and negative results of RT-PCR in lymph nodes (P = 0.011 and P = 0.001, respectively). Nine of 11 patients with positive nested RT-PCR for PSM and/or PSA in the lymph nodes (82%) experienced biochemical   ***recurrence***   . Significant difference in Kaplan-Meier   ***recurrence***   -free actuarial curves was noted between patients who nested positive and negative on RT-PCR in the lymph nodes, pre- and postoperative peripheral blood, biopsy and prostatectomy Gleason score, and preoperative PSA values. In multivariate analysis, biopsy and prostatectomy Gleason score (P = 0.026, P = 0.020, respectively), pre- and postoperative RT-PCR for PSM in peripheral blood (P = 0.030 and P = 0.040, respectively), and RT-PCR for PSM in lymph nodes (P = 0.035) were independent   ***prognostic***   factors. CONCLUSIONS: Nested RT-PCR assay of the lymph nodes or peripheral blood significantly predicted biochemical   ***recurrence***   after surgery. It may help identify patients at risk for recurrence and progression of   ***prostate***   cancer. Copyright 2000 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

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*Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--pathology--PA; *Prostate
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Neoplasms--pathology--PA...; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; Humans; Lymph
Nodes--chemistry--CH; Lymph Nodes--pathology--PA; Middle Aged; Neoplasm
Recurrence, Local--blood--BL; Neoplasm Recurrence, Local
--diagnosis--DI; Predictive Value of Tests; Proportional Hazards Models;
Prostate--chemistry--CH; Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL;
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  ...Enzyme No.: II); EC 3.4.17.21 (glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human)
; EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
  Chemical Name: Antigens, Surface; DNA, Neoplasm; RNA, Neoplasm;
Carboxypeptidases; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate
carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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  Detection of micrometastatic prostate cancer cells in the lymph
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biochemical recurrence in pathological stage T2 prostate
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results of nested RT-PCR assay were compared with biochemical
  recurrence . RESULTS: Nested RT-PCR was positive in the lymph nodes of
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disease. All 7 patients had biochemical ***recurrence*** . We noted a
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We will review the evolution, benefits, and limitations of PSMA
testing in the past, as well as its current and future value.
Prostate cancer has been the most frequently diagnosed cancer and the
second leading cause of cancer death in men in the United States. It has a
wide spectrum of biological behavior between latent (indolent) and
progressive (aggressive). Further identification of ***prostate*** -
specific membrane antigen (PSMA) as a
prognostic proliferation marker may enhance our understanding of the
types of ***prostate*** cancer. A review of ***PSMA*** testing in the past
as well as currently was conducted. Studies were reviewed that deal with
detection of PSMA in serum and seminal fluid, reverse
transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), immunoscintigraphy, and
immunohistochemical assays. ***PSMA*** is expressed primarily in benign and
cancerous prostatic epithelial cells. It is up-regulated in hormone
resistant states, and in metastatic situations or other clinical situations
where there is tumor ***recurrence*** or extension. Based on current
results, PSMA detected in the serum by western blotting can assist in
the identification, staging, and monitoring of metastatic prostate
cancer. In addition, ***PSMA*** shows a promising role in directed imaging
and therapy of ***recurrent*** or metastatic disease. Copyright 2000
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Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA):
current benefits and future value.

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   Use of artificial neural networks in evaluating prognostic factors
determining the response to dendritic cells pulsed with PSMA peptides
in ***prostate*** cancer patients.
   Murphy G P; Snow P; Simmons S J; Tjoa B A; Rogers M K; Brandt J; Healy C
G; Bolton W E; Rodbold D
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   BACKGROUND: Our purpose was to compare the importance of over 22
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sharp rate of response secondary to the level of DC infusion, in contrast
to those patients with local recurrence , in which it was more
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*Neural Networks (Computer); *Peptide Fragments--therapeutic use--TU; *
Prostate-Specific Antigen--therapeutic use--TU; *Prostatic Neoplasms
--therapy--TH; Clinical Trials, Phase II; Humans; Immunotherapy; Neoplasm

Recurrence, Local--drug therapy--DT; Prognosis; Regression
Analysis; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't
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    Chemical Name: Peptide Fragments; Prostate-Specific Antigen

    Circulating levels of interleukin-6 in patients with hormone refractory
    prostate   cancer.
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Washington.
    BACKGROUND: Interleukin-6 (IL-6) is a cytokine that plays a central role
in host defense due to its wide range of immune and hematopoietic
activities. It is found in high levels in human ejaculate, and has recently
been found to regulate prostate-specific protein expression in
prostate cancer cells through nonsteroidal activation of the androgen
receptor. IL-6 may be a candidate mediator of morbidity in patients with
metastatic disease. We attempted to evaluate the potential of circulating
IL-6 levels as a marker of disease progression. MATERIALS AND METHODS Serum
IL-6, prostate specific antigen (PSA), percent free PSA (%fPSA), and
prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)
were measured using commercially available assays in 407 men, including 15
controls. The rest of the study population had clinical or histologic
evidence of prostate diseases, including 41 patients with chronic
prostatitis, 167 with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), 8 with high-grade
prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN), 88 with localized prostate
  cancer, 22 with local recurrence after treatment of primary tumor, 4
with advanced untreated disease (nodal or bony metastases), 23 with
advanced hormone dependent disease, and 39 with advanced hormone refractory
disease (PSA > 1.0 ng/ml while on hormone treatment and/or evidence of
disease progression). None had history of concurrent malignancy or acute
inflammatory condition. Kruskal-Wallis analysis of variance and Spearman's
correlation analysis were used for statistical analyses. RESULTS: Serum
levels of IL-6 were significantly elevated in patients with clinically
evident hormone refractory disease (5.7 +/- 1.9 pg/ml) and statistical
significance was seen when comparing the elevated serum IL-6 levels to
those in normal controls, prostatitis, BPH, and localized and
   recurrent   disease, (P values < 0.01). Compared to serum levels of
controls and BPH, PSA was significantly elevated in advanced untreated
disease and hormone refractory groups (P < 0.05). Percent fPSA was
significantly lower in all cancer patients but the hormone refractory.
Serum   ***PSMA***   was elevated in advanced untreated ***prostate*** cancer.
Serum IL-6 showed positive correlation with PSMA and negative
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...05). Percent fPSA was significantly lower in all cancer patients but the hormone refractory. Serum ***PSMA*** was elevated in advanced untreated ***prostate*** cancer. Serum IL-6 showed positive correlation with PSMA and negative correlation with serum PSA but did not attain statistical significance. CONCLUSIONS: Serum IL-6 levels are significantly elevated in hormone-refractory prostate cancer patients and may be a surrogate marker of the androgen independent phenotype. Copyright 1999...
    Descriptors: *Interleukin-6--blood--BL; *Neoplasm Recurrence, Local
; *Prostatic Neoplasms--physiopathology--PP; *Tumor Markers, Biological --analysis--AN...; use--TU; Disease Progression; Humans; Interleukin-6 --pharmacology--PD; Middle Aged; Predictive Value of Tests; Prognosis
; Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; Prostatic Neoplasms--drug therapy--DT; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov...
    Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
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    Preoperative nested reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction for prostate specific membrane antigen predicts
biochemical ***recurrence*** after radical prostatectomy.
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    Department of Urology, Kyorin University School of Medicine, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan.
    BJU international (ENGLAND) Jul 1999, 84 (1) p112-7, ISSN 1464-4096 --Print   Journal Code: 100886721
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    Document type: Journal Article
    Languages: ENGLISH
    Main Citation Owner: NLM
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    OBJECTIVE: To assess the utility of the nested reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) method for measuring prostate specific membrane antigen (PSM) and
prostate specific antigen (PSA) in predicting serum PSA
    recurrence after radical prostatectomy. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Nested RT-PCRs for PSM and PSA were used in 40 patients who subsequently underwent

radical prostatectomy. The accuracy of the RT-PCR assays in predicting PSA failure was compared with those for the preoperative serum PSA level, Gleason score and final pathological staging. The patients were monitored using a PSA assay (Tandem-R, Hybritech, San Diego, CA) at 3 weeks after radical prostatectomy and every 2 months thereafter. Biochemical ***recurrence*** was defined as a serum PSA level of >/=0.4 ng/mL. RESULTS: Statistical analysis indicated that the nested RT-PCR assay for PSM was the most accurate preoperative predictor of potential surgical failure (PCR-PSM, P<0.001; PCR-PSA, P=0.018; serum PSA level, P=0.149; Gleason score P=0.388, by Fisher's exact probability test). Biochemical recurrence was evaluated in relation to these methods during a mean (range) follow-up of 16.7 (6-35) months. Of the 40 patients, eight (20%, one with organ-confined cancer and seven with extraprostatic extension of cancer) developed biochemical ***recurrence*** . The Kaplan-Meier recurrence -free actuarial probability curves differed significantly between patients with positive and those with negative results for the preoperative nested RT-PCR for PSM (P<0.01, generalized Wilcoxon's test). The nested RT-PCR for PSA, preoperative serum PSA value and Gleason score were not significant predictors of biochemical ***recurrence*** (P=0.16, 0.12 and 0.24, respectively). CONCLUSIONS: The nested RT-PCR for PSM was the best preoperative predictor of biochemical recurrence among the factors examined.

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Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
Chemical Name: Prostate-Specific Antigen

Molecular determination of surgical margins using fossa biopsies at radical prostatectomy.

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PURPOSE: Status of the surgical margins after radical prostatectomy is a key factor for predicting postoperative outcome. Current methods used to determine margin status are tedious, costly and vary among institutions. Sensitive and inexpensive detection of prostate cells in the circulation of patients with prostate cancer has been achieved using reverse transcriptase (RT) polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for prostate specific antigen and prostate specific ***membrane*** ***antigen*** . Therefore, we designed and tested a novel and objective molecular assay for assessing surgical margins at radical prostatectomy based on the detection of prostate specific markers using RT-PCR. We also compared this assay to standard pathological examination. MATERIALS AND METHODS: A total of 30 consecutive patients with local ***prostate*** cancer underwent radical prostatectomy. At the completion of gland excision 5 biopsies of the prostatic fossa were obtained for histopathological and molecular analysis. We performed RT-PCR analysis for prostate specific antigen and prostate specific membrane antigen messenger ribonucleic acid in these biopsy specimens, and compared the results with pathological stage. Men free of prostate cancer who underwent radical cystoprostatectomy for bladder cancer or abdominoperineal resection for rectal cancer served as controls. RESULTS: There were positive molecular margins in all patients with positive margins and/or extracapsular extension. No controls had a positive molecular assay. In 4 of 16 patients (25%) histopathological evaluation revealed organ confined disease but biopsies were positive by the molecular assay, including those in 2 (50%) who had been treated with neoadjuvant hormonal therapy before surgery because of a higher estimated risk of extracapsular disease. Results in 4 cases were uninformative. CONCLUSIONS: Our results with an objective molecular assay aimed at assessing surgical margins after radical prostatectomy reveal an excellent correlation with conventional pathological analysis. In addition, molecular assessment of the prostatic fossa identifies patients in whom extracapsular disease may have been unidentified by conventional pathological examination. In addition, this assay yields clues to why neoadjuvant hormonal treatment before radical prostatectomy does not seem to decrease the ***biochemical*** ***failure*** rate in these patients. Larger studies with longer followup are required to determine the prognostic significance of these positive molecular margins.

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--GE; Comparative Study; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; Humans;
Intraoperative Period; Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL;
Prostate-Specific Antigen--genetics--GE; Prostatic Neoplasms
--chemistry--CH; RNA, Messenger--analysis--AN; Research Support, Non...
   ...Enzyme No.: II); EC 3.4.17.21 (glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human)
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   Chemical Name: Antigens, Neoplasm; Antigens, Surface; RNA, Messenger;
Carboxypeptidases; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; glutamate
carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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   Prostate-specific membrane antigen levels in sera
from healthy men and patients with benign prostate hyperplasia or
   prostate   cancer.
   Beckett M L; Cazares L H;. Vlahou A; Schellhammer P F; Wright G L
   Department of Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology, Virginia Prostate
Center, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk 23501, USA.
   Clinical cancer research - an official journal of the American
Association for Cancer Research (UNITED STATES) Dec 1999, 5 (12)
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serum levels have been proposed to be of prognostic significance in
patients with advanced   ***prostate***   disease. The objective of the present
study was to confirm PSMA serum expression by Western blot
techniques, to determine whether such data could assist in the
differentiation of benign from malignant prostatic disease, and to
determine the suitability of serum PSMA measurements in predicting
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PSMA, a transmembrane glycoprotein identified in prostate
epithelial cells, in the sera of 236 normal individuals and cancer patients
by Western blot analysis. Within the normal male population,   ***PSMA***
levels increase with age and were found to be significantly elevated in
subjects more than 50 years of age when compared to those of younger men.
We did not confirm previous reports that serum PSMA measurements
could distinguish late-stage prostate carcinoma from early-stage
prostate carcinoma, nor did we find PSMA to be more effective
than prostate-specific antigen in monitoring prostate cancer
patient   ***prognosis*** . Furthermore, we found elevated serum   ***PSMA***   in
healthy females, and, similar to the healthy male population, the levels

increased with age, with the highest levels found in the sera from breast
cancer patients. These latter observations further support that   ***PSMA***
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Carboxypeptidase II; Humans; Middle Aged; Prostate-Specific Antigen
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--diagnosis--DI; Prostatic Neoplasms--pathology...
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LANGUAGE: English

Prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA):
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    antigen
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  ORGANISMS: PARTS ETC: prostate--
  DISEASES: ***prostate***   cancer...
  CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: prostate specific membrane
      antigen   { ***PSMA*** }--...

... ***prostate***   ***specific***   ***membrane***   ***antigen***   mRNA {
    prostate specific membrane antigen messenger
    RNA
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...disease   ***recurrence***   ; ...

...biochemical   ***recurrence***   ;

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Preoperative PSA and postoperative PSA NADIR for prediction of
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AUTHOR: Gonzalez Chris; Johannsen Lee; Lund Greg; Williams Richard
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... ***PROSTATE***   ***SPECIFIC***   ***MEMBRANE***   ***ANTIGEN*** ;

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Title: Molecular staging by RT-PCR analysis for PSA and PSMA in
    peripheral blood and bone marrow samples is an independent predictor of
    time to biochemical failure following radical prostatectomy
    for clinically localized prostate cancer (ABSTRACT AVAILABLE)
Author(s): Mitsiades C; Lembessis P; Sourla A; Milathianakis C; Tsintavis A
    ; Koutsilieris M (REPRINT)
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Urol,Piraeus//Greece/(mkouts@medscape.com)
Abstract: Radical prostatectomy should ideally be curative for all patients
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proportion of them eventually relapse. We examined in this setting the
feasibility of pre-operative risk stratification for early
post-operative relapse using reverse transcriptase polymerase chain
reaction (RT-PCR) for prostate-specific antigen (PSA) and
prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)
transcripts in pre-operative bone marrow (BM) biopsies and peripheral
blood (PBL) samples. Nested RT-PCR for PSA and   ***PSMA***   transcripts
were performed in RNA from BM biopsies and PBL samples prospectively
obtained from 111 men newly diagnosed, by trans-rectal ultrasound
(TRUS)-guided biopsy, with clinically localized PrCa and scheduled to
undergo radical prostatectomy, according to their respective doctors'
recommendation. Molecular analysis for each sample (PBL or BM) was
considered positive only if both PSA and PSMA transcripts were
detectable. Serial serum PSA level measurements served for biochemical
follow-up and detection of   ***biochemical***   ***failure***   (PSA >0.2
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patients (a) PBL-BM- (72 patients, 65%), (b) PBL+BM+ (29 patients,
26%), and (c) PBL+BM- (10 patients, 9%). These three groups
corresponded to low, high, and intermediate risk for early
post-prostatectomy recurrence (median time to biochemical
   failure   of >38, 8, and >28 months, respectively). Multivariate
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HORMONAL-THERAPY PRIOR; MEMBRANE ANTIGEN; PATHOLOGICAL STAGE; GLEASON
SCORE; PROGNOSTIC-SIGNIFICANCE; NEOADJUVANT THERAPY; EUROPEAN
EXPERIENCE; DISEASE RECURRENCE

Title: Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction detection of
prostate-specific antigen, prostate-specific
membrane antigen, and prostate stem cell antigen in
one milliliter of peripheral blood: Value for the staging of
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Author(s): Hara N; Kasahara T; Kawasaki T; Bilim V; Obara K; Takahashi K;
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& Dent Sci,Niigata 951//Japan/; Niigata Univ,Div Urol, Dept Regenerat &
Transplant Med, Grad Sch Med & Dent Sci,Niigata 951//Japan/
Abstract: Purpose: There have been several studies on the presence of
circulating tumor cells in the peripheral blood of patients with
malignant tumors including prostate cancer (PCa) using reverse
transcription-PCR (RT-PCR). One of the aims of these studies was to
obtain high sensitivity that would enable early-stage diagnosis.
However, they varied in their detection rates, and the methods were
rather complicated. We have improved the RT-PCR assay combining three
prostate-associated molecules, prostate specific antigen
(PSA), prostate specific membrane antigen (
PSMA), and prostate stem cell antigen (PSCA) to reveal
patients with poor   ***prognosis***   .

    Experimental Design: Peripheral blood samples were obtained from
129 patients including 58 cases of PCa and 71 cases of nonmalignant
disorders. Total RNA was extracted from 1 ml of whole blood using a
commercially available kit.

    Results: The sensitivity of PSA-, PSMA-, and PSCA-nested
RT-PCR was verified with positive signals of a single LNCaP cell in I
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detected in 7 (12.1%), 12 (20.7%), and 8 (13.8%) PCa, and in 1, 2, and
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patients, each PCR indicated the prognostic value in the
hierarchy of PSCA>PSA>PSMA RT-PCR, and extraprostatic cases with
positive PSCA PCR indicated lower disease-progression-free survival
than those with negative PSCA PCR.

Conclusions: The present findings suggest that PSCA PCR would be most promising for the molecular staging of PCa. The present RT-PCR is a highly cost-effective and rapid procedure, enabling the molecular staging of PCa with RT-PCR as a diagnostic routine.

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   Prostate-specific membrane antigen expression
   predicts   ***prostate***   cancer   ***recurrence***   .
   Oncology (Williston Park, N.Y.) (United States)   Jun   ***2006***   ,   20
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21701795   PMID: 16607370
  Technology insight: monoclonal antibody imaging of ***prostate***   cancer.
  Bander Neil H
  New   York-Presbyterian   Hospital, Weill Medical College of Cornell
University, New York, NY 10021, USA. nhbander@med.cornell.edu
  Nature   clinical   practice.   Urology (United States)   Apr ***2006*** , 3
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  Document type: Journal Article; Review
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  Imaging is a critical component of diagnosis, staging and monitoring, all
of which factor heavily in treatment decision-making for cancer patients.
Agents, such as antibodies, can target molecules that are relatively unique
to cancer cells.   ***Prostate*** - ***specific***   ***membrane***
antigen
 (PSMA)   is   the   most   well-established, highly   restricted
  prostate   -cancer-related cell membrane antigen known. Ten years ago,
the FDA approved (111)In-capromab pendetide for use in imaging soft-tissue,
but not bone, sites of metastatic prostate cancer for presurgical
staging or the evaluation of PSA ***relapse***   after local therapy. For
presurgical patients with high-risk disease but negative bone, CT and
MRI scans, capromab demonstrated the ability to identify some patients with
positive nodes, thereby sparing them an unnecessary surgical procedure. But
there have been no follow-up studies to indicate that high-risk
patients with a negative capromab scan have a lower failure rate after
surgery. In the setting of PSA ***relapse*** , capromab is compromised by
its inability to sensitively image bone metastases; bone is the first site
of metastatic   ***prostate***   cancer in 72% of patients. The problem with
imaging bone metastases is that capromab detects an antigenic site on the
intracellular portion of PSMA-a site not accessible to circulating
antibodies. Early results indicate that second-generation antibodies that
target the extracellular domain of PSMA might provide significant
benefits in the imaging of ***prostate***   cancer.

  Technology insight: monoclonal antibody imaging of ***prostate***   cancer.
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  ... patients. Agents, such as antibodies, can target molecules that are
relatively   unique   to   cancer   cells.   ***Prostate*** - ***specific***
membrane antigen (PSMA) is the most well-established,
highly restricted prostate -cancer-related cell membrane antigen
known. Ten years ago, the FDA approved (111)In-capromab pendetide for use
in imaging soft-tissue, but not bone, sites of metastatic prostate
 cancer for presurgical staging or the evaluation of PSA relapse
 after local therapy. For presurgical patients with high- ***risk***   disease
but negative bone, CT and MRI scans, capromab demonstrated the ability to
identify some...

...unnecessary surgical procedure. But there have been no follow-up studies
to indicate that high-risk patients with a negative capromab scan
have a lower failure rate after surgery. In the setting of PSA
relapse , capromab is compromised by its inability to sensitively
image bone metastases; bone is the first site of metastatic prostate
cancer in 72% of patients. The problem with imaging bone metastases is that

capromab detects an antigenic site on the intracellular portion of
PSMA -a site not accessible to circulating antibodies. Early results
indicate that second-generation antibodies that target the extracellular
domain of PSMA might provide significant benefits in the imaging of
prostate cancer.
  ; Bone Neoplasms--diagnosis--DI; Bone Neoplasms--secondary--SC; Humans;
Indicators and Reagents; Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--diagnosis--DI;
Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; Prostatic Neoplasms--blood--BL
  Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
  Chemical Name: Antibodies, Monoclonal; Indicators and Reagents; Capromab
Pendetide; Prostate-Specific Antigen

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  ProstaScint(R) Scan: Contemporary Use in Clinical Practice.
  Taneja Samir S
  Reviews in urology (United States)   2004, 6 Suppl 10 pS19-28,
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15244740   PMID: 15679047
  Molecular staging by RT-pCR analysis for PSA and PSMA in peripheral
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biochemical failure following radical prostatectomy for clinically
localized   ***prostate***   cancer.
  Mitsiades Constantine S; Lembessis Peter; Sourla Antigone; Milathianakis
Constantine; Tsintavis Athanassios; Koutsilieris Michael

Radical prostatectomy should ideally be curative for all patients with clinically localized prostate cancer (PrCa), yet a sizeable proportion of them eventually ***relapse*** . We examined in this setting the feasibility of pre-operative risk stratification for early post-operative relapse using reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) for prostate-specific antigen (PSA) and prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)
transcripts in preoperative bone marrow (BM) biopsies and peripheral blood (PBL) samples. Nested RT-PCR for PSA and ***PSMA*** transcripts were performed in RNA from BM biopsies and PBL samples prospectively obtained from 111 men newly diagnosed, by trans-rectal ultrasound (TRUS)-guided biopsy, with clinically localized PrCa and scheduled to undergo radical prostatectomy, according to their respective doctors' recommendation. Molecular analysis for each sample (PBL or BM) was considered positive only if both PSA and ***PSMA*** transcripts were detectable. Serial serum PSA level measurements served for biochemical follow-up and detection of biochemical failure (PSA >0.2 ng/ml). PBL and BM RT-PCR molecular staging delineated three groups of patients (a) PBL-BM- (72 patients, 65%), (b) PBL+BM+ (29 patients, 26%), and (c) PBL+BM- (10 patients, 9%). These three groups corresponded to low, high, and intermediate risk for early post-prostatectomy recurrence (median time to biochemical failure of >38, 8, and >28 months, respectively). Multivariate analysis confirmed that molecular staging status was independent predictor of disease-free survival, after adjusting for PSA levels and Gleason score. In clinically localized PrCa, combined PSA/PSMA RT-PCR in PBL and BM is an independent predictor of time to biochemical failure following radical prostatectomy.
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Descriptors: *Antigens, Surface--blood--BL; *Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II--blood--BL; *Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; *Prostatic Neoplasms--blood--BL; Bone Marrow--metabolism--ME; Disease-Free Survival; Feasibility Studies; Humans; Neoplasm Staging; Predictive Value of Tests; Prostatectomy; Prostatic Neoplasms--pathology--PA; Prostatic Neoplasms--surgery--SU; Research Support, Non...

...Enzyme No.: II); EC 3.4.17.21 (glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human) ; EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen) ·

Chemical Name: Antigens, Surface; Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II; · glutamate carboxypeptidase II, human; Prostate-Specific Antigen

14960454   PMID: 15225091
Role of ProstaScint for brachytherapy in localized prostate adenocarcinoma.

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 Detection of prostate cancer and predicting progression:
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normal   ***prostate***   tissues. In this review we cite 91 molecular markers
that display some level of correlation with prostate cancer presence,
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to therapy, and/or disease-free survival. We suggest criteria to consider
when selecting a marker for further development as a clinical tool and
discuss five examples of markers (chromogranin A, glutathione S-transferase
pi 1, prostate stem cell antigen, prostate-specific
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   Influence of radioimmunoscintigraphy on postprostatectomy radiotherapy treatment decision making.
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Descriptors: *Decision Making, Computer-Assisted; *Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--radionuclide imaging--RI; *Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--radiotherapy--RT; *Postoperative Care--methods--MT ; *Prostatic Neoplasms--radionuclide imaging--RI; *Prostatic Neoplasms --radiotherapy--RT; *Radioimmunodetection--methods--MT; *Risk Assessment--methods--MT; Aged; Aged, 80 and over; Humans; Middle Aged; Neoplasm Recurrence, Local--blood--BL; Physician's Practice Patterns; Prognosis; Prostate-Specific Antigen--blood--BL; Prostatectomy; Prostatic Neoplasms--blood--BL; Prostatic Neoplasms--surgery--SU; Research Support...
Enzyme No.: EC 3.4.21.77 (***Prostate*** -Specific Antigen)
Chemical Name: Prostate-Specific Antigen

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Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)
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antigen {PSMA}--
MISCELLANEOUS TERMS: ...disease ***recurrence*** ;

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Title: Imaging with radiolabelled monoclonal antibody (MUJ591) to
    prostate-specific membrane antigen in staging
    of clinically localized prostatic carcinoma: comparison with clinical,
    surgical and histological staging   (ABSTRACT AVAILABLE)

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Abstract: OBJECTIVE

     To evaluate the reliability of prostate scintigraphy using a
radiolabelled antibody (MUJ591) raised against the external domain of
prostate-specific membrane antigen [PSMA)
in the staging of early prostate cancer,

     PATIENTS AND METHODS

     This was a prospective study of 16 patients who had radical
retropubic prostatectomies (median PSA 9.75 ng/mL). All patients
underwent PSMA imaging using MUJ591 radiolabelled with Tc-99m
using a photoreduction technique.

     RESULTS The findings of prostate imaging and histology were
identical in seven patients. Scans showed understaging and overstaging
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     CONCLUSIONS PSMA scintigraphy using Tc-99m-labelled MUJ591
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EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN; GLEASON SCORE; CANCER; ADENOCARCINOMA; SPECIMEN;
CYT-351

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　　localised to prostate epithelial cells with higher expression in
　　malignant cells. Real-time quantitative PCR analysis across 21 PCa and
　　34 BPH tissues showed 4.6-fold overexpression of GalNAc-T3 ($p = 0.005$).
　　The noncoding mRNA (DD3/PCA3) was overexpressed 140-fold ($p = 0.007$) in
　　the cancer samples compared to BPH tissues. Hepsin was overexpressed
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　　predictive index was obtained that distinguished 100% of the PCa
　　samples from all of the BPH samples. Therefore, combining these genes
　　in a real-time PCR assay represents a powerful new approach to
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   ADENOCARCINOMA; PROTEASE

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Title: Role of ProstaScint (R) for brachytherapy in localized
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Abstract: Vaccines capable of eliciting an immune antitumor response for
  prostate   tumors are disclosed. The active ingredient in such vaccines
is selected from the group consisting of at least one antigen
over-represented in the prostate gland or an immunologically
effective portion thereof; an expression system capable of generating in
situ said antigen or portion; a naked DNA encoding such antigen and
portion; and an anti-idiotypic antibody or fragment thereof which mimics
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Exemplary Claim:
    1. A method to induce an antitumor cellular immune response in a
    potential or actual prostate tumor-bearing subject which method
    comprises administering to said subject a composition comprising an
    ingredient...

...and is selected from the group consisting of at least one antigen
    overrepresented in the prostate gland or an immunologically
    effective portion thereof; or an expression system capable of generating
    in...

...said composition induces said cellular immune response to at least one

antigen overrepresented in the ***prostate*** gland.
Non-exemplary Claims:
  ...of claim 2, wherein said protein or peptide is selected from the group
  consisting of prostate specific antigen (PSA), prostate
  specific membrane antigen (PSMA), prostatic acid
  phosphatase (PAP), and an immunologically effective portion thereof...

  ...4. The method of claim 1, wherein said subject is afflicted with
  metastatic ***prostate*** cancer...
  ...1, wherein said subject has been surgically treated to excise said tumor
  but is at ***risk*** for ***recurrence*** .
  ...

  ...1, wherein said composition is administered to said subject prior to
  surgical excision of said ***prostate*** tumor...

  ...7. The method of claim 1, wherein said subject is a potential
      prostate tumor-bearing subject at ***risk*** for said tumor.

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  METHODS OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING CANCER; USING PROSTATE
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  EXPRESSION TO DIAGNOSE RECURRENCE OF CELL PROLIFERATIVE DISORDERS
  Publication (No,Kind,Date), Applic (No,Date):
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  Exemplary Claim:
      ...A W I N G

     1. A method of determining if a subject is at ***risk*** for
     prostate cancer recurrence, the method comprising: providing
     a sample from a subject; and determining PSMA expression levels in
     the sample, wherein increased PSMA expression levels relative to a
     reference standard are indicative of a risk of prostate
     cancer recurrence, to thereby determine if the subject is at
      risk of ***prostate*** cancer ***recurrence*** .
  Non-exemplary Claims:

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is diagnosed with
   prostate   cancer...

...3. The method of claim 1, wherein the increased   ***PSMA***   levels are
   increased relative to a reference standard...

...4. The method of claim 1, wherein the reference standard is   ***PSMA***
   expression levels in a control subject diagnosed with prostate
   cancer...

...11. The method of claim 1, wherein the   ***risk***   of   ***recurrence***   is
   determined upon   diagnosis of   ***prostate***   cancer...

...12. The method of claim 1, wherein the   ***risk***   of   ***recurrence***   is
   determined after the subject is diagnosed with   ***prostate***   cancer...

...13. The method of claim 1, wherein the   ***risk***   of   ***recurrence***   is
   determined after the subject has been treated with an anti-cancer
   treatment...

...15. The method of claim 1, wherein   ***PSMA***   expression levels are
   determined by determining the   ***PSMA***   protein levels in a sample...

...16. The method of claim 15, wherein   ***PSMA***   protein levels are
   determined by a method selected from the group consisting of an enzyme
   ...

...17. The method of claim 1, wherein   ***PSMA***   expression levels are
   determined by determining the PSMA nucleic acid levels in a sample
   ...

...18. The method of claim 17, wherein   ***PSMA***   nucleic acid levels are
   determined by a method selected from the group consisting of Northern...

...19. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a treatment for
   a subject at   ***risk***   for   ***recurrence***   .
...

...26. The method of claim 24, wherein the antibody therapy comprises
   administration of an anti PSMA antibody that binds the
   extracellular domain of   ***PSMA***   .
...

...30. The method of claim 28, wherein the subject has   ***prostate***
   cancer, and the   treatments are: a. a partial or radical prostatectomy,
   and b. one or...
...wherein the antibody therapy is administration of an antibody that binds
   the extracellular domain of   ***PSMA***   .
...

...not have a higher level of expression is assigned a value of 40% or less
   risk   of   ***recurrence***   .
...

...not have a higher level of expression is assigned a value of 30% or less
   risk   of   ***recurrence***   .
...

...The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a treatment for the
   subject wherein the   ***risk***   of   ***recurrence***   is low...

...37. The method of claim 35, wherein the   ***risk***   of   ***recurrence***
   is less than 40...

...38. The method of claim 35, wherein the   ***risk***   of   ***recurrence***
is less than 30...

...40. The method of claim 1, comprising: determining   ***PSMA***   expression
levels in a plurality of subjects, wherein increased PSMA
expression levels are indicative of a risk of cancer
recurrence; and selecting a subset of the plurality of subjects
having increased expression levels for administration
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Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen:
Much More Than a Prostate Cancer Marker

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ABSTRACT

Prostate cancer continues to be the most common cancer and second leading cause of cancer-related death among men. The use of markers, particularly serum-based prostate specific antigen (PSA), has contributed to the rapid rise in diagnosed cases in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but new diagnostic and possible therapeutic markers are needed and are currently being evaluated. One of these, prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA), is an approximately 100-kDa type II transmembrane protein originally thought to be highly selectively expressed in all types of prostatic tissue, with expression being upregulated in androgen-depleted or androgen-independent states. The radioimmunoconjugate form of the anti-PSMA monoclonal antibody (mAb) 7E11 is currently being used to diagnose prostate cancer metastasis and recurrence. In addition, Phase I and II trials have started utilizing PSMA in different therapeutic ways, with promising results. Recent exciting work has demonstrated PSMA expression in endothelial cells of vessels restricted to the tumor-associated neovasculature. This finding expands the possible beneficial uses of PSMA, as new anti-PSMA mAbs continue to be developed.

INTRODUCTION

PROSTATE-SPECIFIC MEMBRANE ANTIGEN (PSMA) is a type II membrane protein originally characterized by the monoclonal antibody (mAb) 7E11 and found to be expressed in all types of prostate tissue, including benign epithelium, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN), and carcinoma.[1–5] Its expression has been studied on the mRNA transcript level by RNAse protection assay and the protein level by Western blot and immunohistochemistry staining with 7E11. After some dispute, two groups have recently confirmed the location of the PSMA gene on the short arm of chromosome 11.[6,7] Two variations of the PSMA protein, designated PSMA and the spliced variant PSM', have been described, but their individual roles have not been definitively elucidated.[8]

Currently, new strategies for utilizing PSMA for the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer are being explored. The possible role of PSMA continues to expand, as recent studies have demonstrated that PSMA is selectively expressed in tumor-associated neovasculature. Thus, its usefulness may extend to nonprostatic malignancies. This article briefly reviews present and possible future diagnostic and therapeutic options for the use of PSMA.

NEW ANTIBODIES TO PSMA

For a period of time, 7E11 was the only available anti-PSMA mAb. It binds an intracellular epitope near the amino terminus, specifically a 6-amino acid segment.[9] Recently, however, Liu et al have developed four anti-PSMA mAbs (J591, J533, J415, E99) each of which binds to a different location on the extracellular PSMA domain. Researchers at Hybritech, Inc., have also developed an extracellular domain-binding antibody, PEQ226.5, as well as PM2J004.5, which binds an intracellular PSMA epitope separate and distinct from that bound by 7E11.[10] The interest in developing new antibodies to the PSMA external domain is due in large part to the fact that the internal domain-binding anti-PSMA mAbs; e.g., 7E11 and PM2J004.5, do not bind viable cells.[11–13] This inability to bind live cells makes the currently available 7E11 mAb a less attractive option for in vivo purposes.

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PSMA FUNCTIONS

Folate Hydrolase

The PSMA protein has unique folate hydrolase activity, initially discovered in PSMA-expressing LNCaP cells. Pinto et al[14] demonstrated that LNCaP cells had the ability to remove the terminal glutamates sequentially from folate if they are gamma linked. Cell lines such as PC-3 and DU145 that do not express PSMA do not have this hydrolytic capability.[14] The ability of PSMA to act as a novel folate hydrolase may allow its use in a prodrug activation strategy utilizing, for example, triglutamylmethotrexate (MTX Glu3). Thus, any cell that expresses PSMA would allow entry of the MTX Glu3 by cleaving the glutamates, causing the cytotoxic MTX to accumulate.[15]

Neurocarboxypeptidase

The PSMA protein has also been found to simulate the activity of a rat brain neurocarboxypeptidase. Work by Carter et al[16] identified a partial cDNA from a rat brain protein that had 86% homology with a region of the PSMA gene. They found that LNCaP cells express the same enzyme activity as does the rat brain protein. This rat brain enzyme is a neurocarboxypeptidase that cleaves alpha-linked glutamates from N-acetylaspartylglutamate.[16,17] In the human prostate, there are neuroendocrine and secretory cells. Determination of their function with respect to glutamate or neuropeptides requires more research.

PSMA EXPRESSION IN CELL CULTURE AND HUMAN TISSUE

Prostate Cancer Cell Lines

In live LNCaP cells that express PSMA, the mAbs that bind the internal domain of PSMA do not react with the viable cells. Only after fixation with Formalin do these internal domain-binding mAbs demonstrate reactivity with the cell lines.[11-13] This requirement for recognition of an intracellular epitope probably plays a significant role in their inability to react with live cells and may make them less appropriate for in vivo strategies aimed at either diagnosis or treatment. The recently developed anti-PSMA mAbs that bind the external domain do bind to live as well as fixed cells, and this ability makes them more attractive for future purposes (Fig. 1).[12,13]

Human Prostate Tissue

Studies have consistently demonstrated 7E11-positive staining in a variety of prostatic tissues.[4,5] The immunoreactivity is present in a higher percentage and with a stronger intensity in
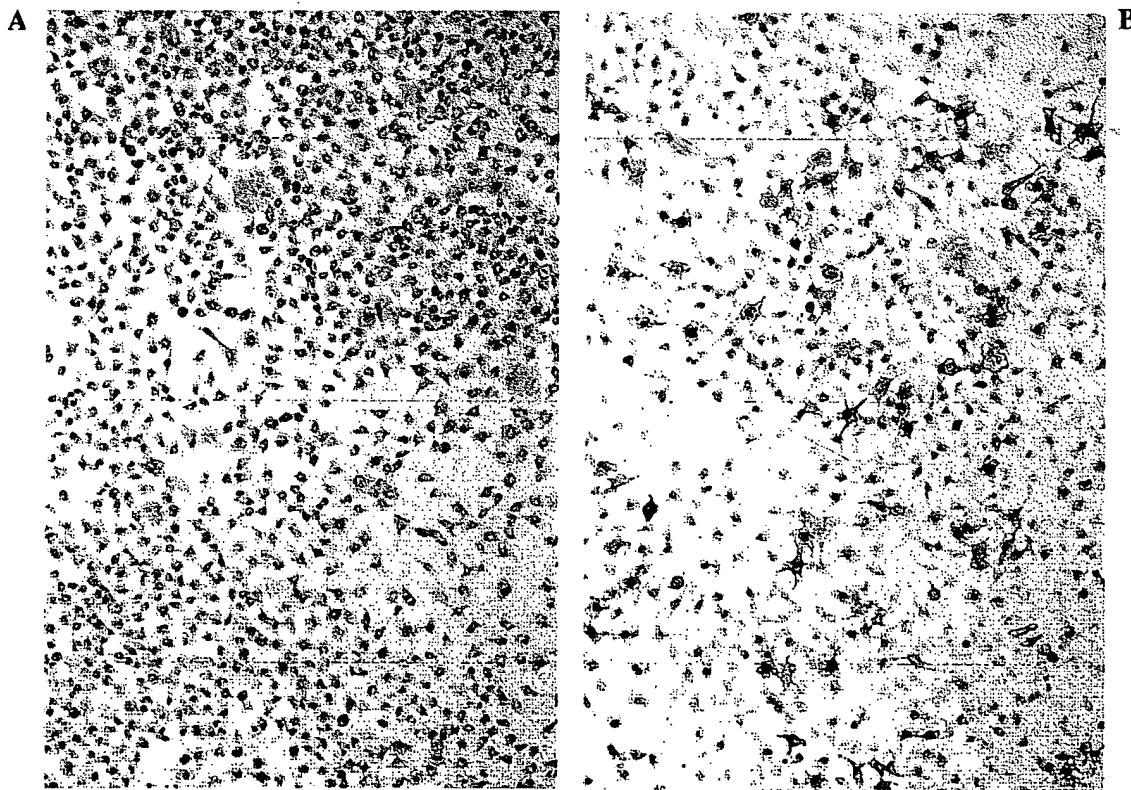
FIG. 1. Comparative immunohistochemical reactivity in viable PC3-PIP cells that express PSMA. (A) The mAb 7E11 (internal PSMA domain) is without reactivity. (B) The J591 (external PSMA domain) mAb shows binding.

PIN and cancer cells than in benign epithelial cells.[1,2,5] The binding occurs in the secretory-acinar epithelium; basal epithelium and stromal cells have been PSMA negative (Fig. 2). In the largest and most recent series, Bostwick et al[18] showed positive immunoreactivity in all 184 prostate specimens that they examined and scored. In addition, an incremental increase in the percentage of staining was noted from benign epithelial tissue (69.5% of cells positive) to high-grade PIN (77.9% of cells positive) to malignant cells (80.2% of cells positive).[18] We have demonstrated similar staining with the 7E11 mAb and with previously uncompared anti-PSMA mAbs J591, J415, PM2J004.5, and PEQ226.5 in all the prostate samples examined.[13]

Human Benign Tissue: Several Nonprostatic Organs Express PSMA

Although PMSA is highly expressed in prostatic tissue, several other tissue types have shown reactivity with the mAb 7E11, albeit inconsistently. On an mRNA transcript level, Israeli et al, who used a ribonuclease protection assay, demonstrated in frozen human tissue that there is PSMA expression

FIG. 2. Prostatic tissue staining with anti-PSMA mAb 7E11. Staining occurs in secretory cells, not in stromal tissue.

in the brain, salivary gland, and small bowel but not in muscle, kidney, liver, or mammary gland.[3] Troyer et al, using Western blot analysis, examined frozen human tissue and also did not find expression in skeletal muscle, cardiac muscle, kidney, liver, breast, or colon.[9] These findings differ from those of immunohistochemcial studies. Horoszewicz et al demonstrated reactivity with the proximal tubule cells of the kidney but no reactivity with small intestine, colon, skeletal muscle, heart, brain, or breast.[1] In paraffin-fixed tissue, Silver et al demonstrated antibody binding to duodenum, proximal renal tubule cells, and neuroendocrine cells of the colon but observed no binding to brain, skeletal muscle, parotid, breast, or normal vasculature.[4] Differing methods of tissue preparation have been indicated as a possible cause for these variations in 7E11 binding, and these studies utilized only the 7E11 mAb.

Recent work involving 7E11 but also including other anti-PSMA mAbs consistently have demonstrated binding in duodenal epithelial (brush border) cells and proximal tubule cells in the kidney.[12,13] The proximal small bowel, specifically the duodenum, is known to have high folate hydrolase activity. Activity of this enzyme on the luminal border is consistent with staining by the mAbs in the brush border of the duodenum, which utilizes this enzymatic activity for absorbing folates from ingested food. The proximal tubule cells of the kidney also have a known role in folate reabsorption in their apical membrane. This role in folate metabolism may explain the binding of the anti-PSMA mAbs to these tissues.

The mAb 7E11 also has reacted with a portion of skeletal muscle cells. None of the other mAbs reacted with skeletal muscle. The reason for this reactivity remains unknown, but it likely represents some type of nonspecific binding.[12,13]

Human Malignant Tissue: Tumor-Associated Neovasculature Expresses PSMA

No previous study has demonstrated 7E11 reactivity with vascular endothelial cells in benign tissues, even in those tissues that do demonstrate PSMA expression, such as kidney. However, reactivity of the anti-PSMA mAbs with the endothelium of malignant tissue neovasculature has been demonstrated by 7E11 imunohistochemistry staining. This reactivity was first detected by Silver et al, who demonstrated what they described as "neoexpression of PSMA in endothelial cells" of vessels associated with certain tumors, including renal-cell cancer (unspecified type), transitional-cell carcinoma of the bladder, and colon carcinoma. Those investigators found no 7E11 binding to the tumor cells of these paraffin-embedded specimens.[4] Recently, Liu et al noted reactivity with the tumor-associated vasculature in all 23 nonprostatic carcinomas studied, which included renal, urothelial, and lung, as well as adenocarcinoma metastatic to the liver. These investigators examined immunohistochemical reactivity by using, in addition to 7E11, the four anti-PSMA mAbs that they developed, which bind the external domain of PSMA.[12] We have also examined a large number of carcinomas, including conventional (clear-cell) renal-cell cancer, transitional-cell lesions of the bladder, testicular-embryonal, neuroendocrine, colon, and breast; and the different types of malignancies consistently and strongly expressed PSMA (Fig. 3).[13] In immunohistochemistry staining, we used
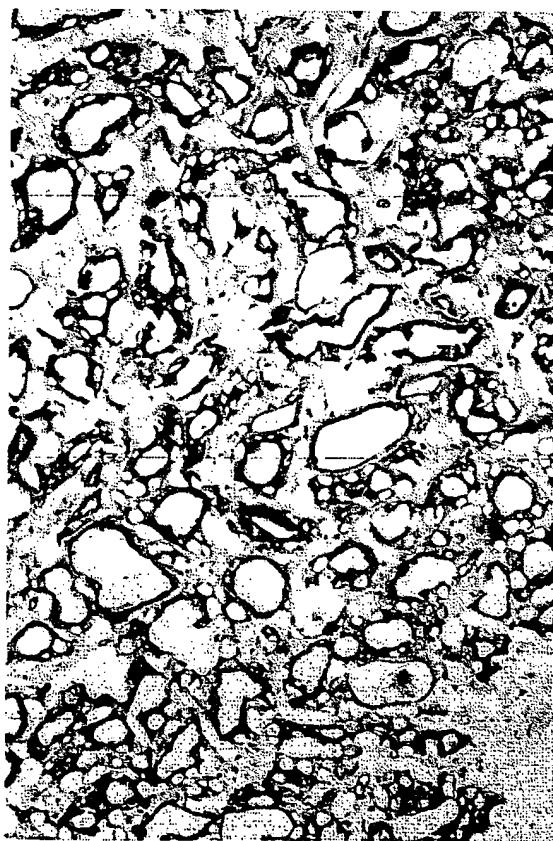
five anti-PSMA mAbs, and we confirmed their binding to tumor-associated neovascular endothelial cells by using CD34 binding in sequential tissue sections. The antiendothelial-cell mAb CD34, which has been used extensively in the analysis of tumor angiogenesis and microvessel density, served as a positive control that verified PSMA expression in endothelial cells. Vessels in noncancerous tissue did not display immunoreactivity, and the vasculature of the corresponding benign tissue samples likewise did not demonstrate PSMA expression. Similarly, the different malignant cells and the vessels in noncancerous tissue did not demonstrate binding.

This binding to the neovasculature associated with solid malignancies does not seem to occur in prostate cancer. Silver et al noted that the cancer specimens they examined with 7E11 stained strongly in the prostate cells but not in the vascular endothelial cells.[4] Similarly, in their review of radical prostatectomy specimens, Bostwick et al did not see 7E11 reactivity in the vascular endothelium.[18] As in previous studies, we also could not demonstrate consistent binding of these mAbs to the tumor-associated neovasculature in prostate cancer (unpublished observations). The reason for the lack of reactivity in prostate cancer remains unclear and could be multifactorial. The prostate does not classically have an impressive angiogenic characteristic compared with many solid malignancies and does not incite an impressive stromal desmoplastic response. This lack of response may inhibit PSMA expression. There also may be other inhibitory factors associated with prostate cancer or prostatic tissue.

MODULATION OF PSMA EXPRESSION

Previous in vitro data demonstrated PSMA upregulation in cells grown in an androgen-deprived state. Israeli et al demonstrated that LNCaP cells incubated with dihydrotestosterone (DHT) had low PSMA expression, whereas those cells grown in an androgen-stripped medium displayed significantly increased PSMA expression.[3] Retrospectively examining 20 specimens from prostate cancer patients treated by castration or long-term androgen deprivation, Wright et al found that 11 specimens had increased PSMA reactivity after the loss of androgens.[19] Using a PSMA-derived RNA probe in in situ hybridization studies, Kawakami el al revealed increased PSMA expression in prostate specimens from patients with hormone-refractory disease, as well as in specimens with higher Gleason scores.[20] In contrast to PSA's direct correlation with androgen levels, PSMA expression appears inversely related to androgen levels. Thus, manipulation of patients' androgen levels during treatment may affect PSMA expression.

With these findings, we hypothesized that a short course of neoadjuvant androgen deprivation, although not shown to produce an overall or disease-free survival benefit,[21,22] may increase PSMA expression. This response would make PSMA a more accessible target for novel prodrug antibody-based therapy. We have examined more than 20 radical prostatectomy specimens from patients who received neoadjuvant androgen deprivation (ADT/RRP) and have compared them with specimens from a similar cohort of patients who underwent radical retropubic prostatectomy (RRP) alone. Our preliminary data did not demonstrate an increase in PSMA expression in the ADT/RRP group, even in the cancerous portion of the specimens: no significant differences in staining intensity or percentage of cells stained were seen between the ADT/RRP groups and the RRP-alone group.[23] At least two explanations for this finding are plausible. One is the short (3-month) course of androgen deprivation. Differences in PSMA expression may not have been significant at this time or may have been too subtle to delineate on an immunohistochemical level. Second, the predominantly well-differentiated tumors represented by these specimens may not be the most likely to demonstrate a change in PSMA expression.

CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF PSMA

Diagnostic Utility

Currently, the mAb 7E11 has been modified by linkage with [111]indium to produce a radiodiagnostic marker, ^{111}In capromab pendetide, for prostate cancer recurrence and metastasis. The radiographic test, marketed under the name ProstaScint (Cytogen, Princeton, NJ) gained Food and Drug Administration approval in early 1997. Clinical trials have demonstrated both few adverse effects and the clinical utility of this radioimmunoconjugate in identifying prostatic cancer recurrence, both local and distant.[24–27] In an early study by Kahn et al, 27 patients with rising PSA values after radical prostatectomy underwent Prostascint scans. Of these patients, 22 had lesions evident on the scan, 11 of which were confirmed by other means.[28] In a follow-up study, 183 patients were examined in a similar situation, and once again, 50% of the positive scans were confirmed, this time by biopsy alone.[26] The majority of studies show a sensitivity of 60% to 80% and a specificity of 70% to 90% for this noninvasive method of detecting malignant prostatic disease. Recently, an incidental renal-cell carcinoma was discovered by a positive [111]Incapromab pendetide scan.[29] This example confirms the recognition by the anti-PSMA mAb 7E11 of tumor-associated neovasculature. More research is necessary to determine the efficacy of anti-PSMA mAbs in diagnosing and possibly treating (e.g., with a therapeutic isotope such as yttrium-90) nonprostatic malignant disease by binding the tumor-associated neovasculature.

Therapeutic Uses

Currently, the PSMA protein is being utilized in several novel treatments for prostatic cancer. One method involves immunotherapy, an attractive option that avoids foreign DNA or various vectors but rather uses the patient's own cells. Gong et al have developed a unique approach involving creation of an artificial T-cell receptor that modifies human T cells genetically so that they target cells expressing PSMA. This artificial T-cell receptor incorporates a PSMA-specific single-chain antibody fused to a zeta-chain signal-transduction domain. In vitro results are promising, with lysis of PSMA-positive prostate cancer cells. In addition, there was impressive proliferation of these modified T cells in response to the presence of PSMA-expressing cells that was augmented by costimulation. In vivo trials are currently in progress.[30] Tjoa et al recently reported follow-up on Phase I and Phase II trials utilizing PSMA peptides to help generate an immune response by infusing dendritic cells
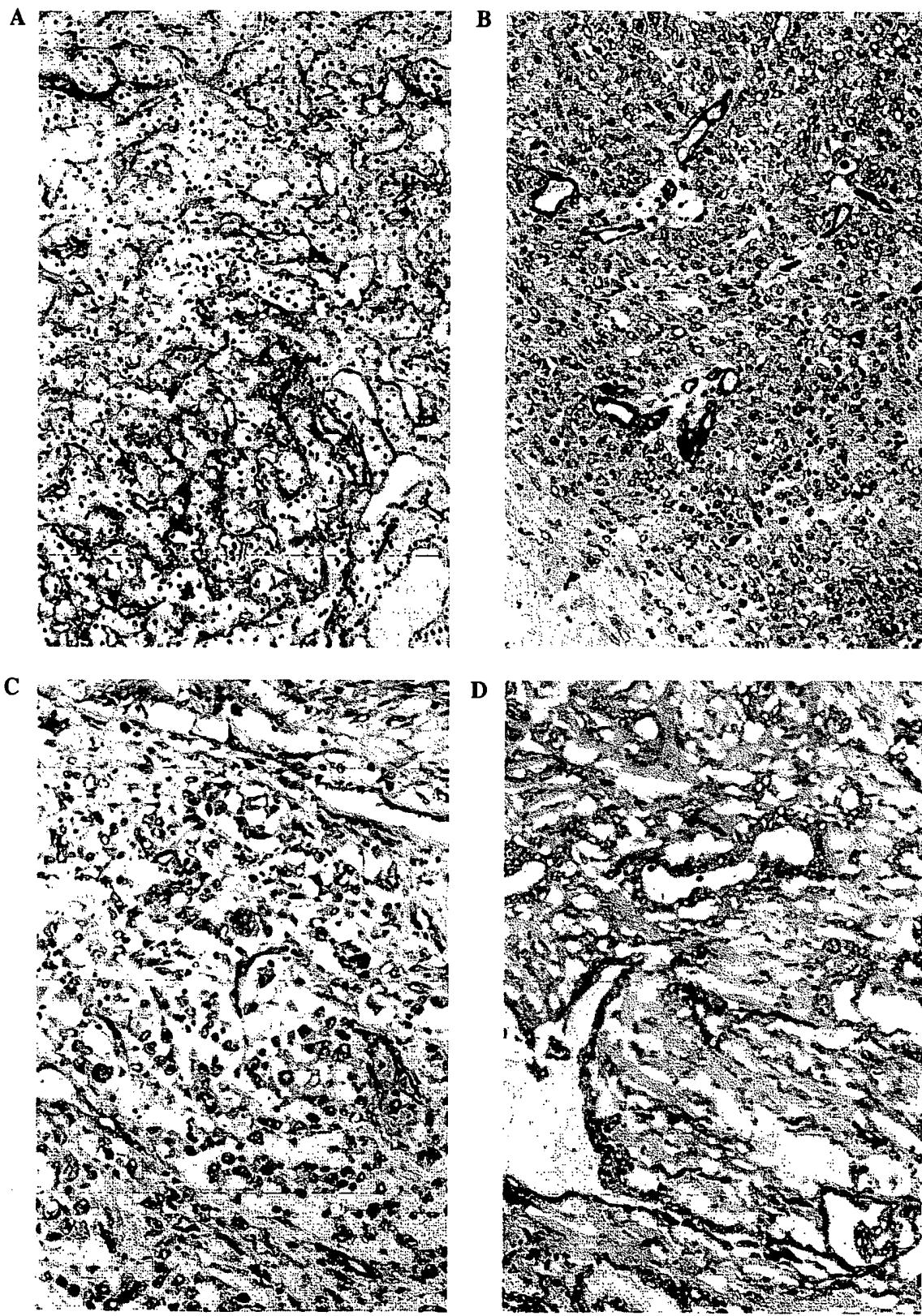
FIG. 3. Tumor-associated neovasculature expresses PSMA. (A) Conventional (clear cell) renal cell carcinoma. (B) Lung cancer. (C) Soft-tissue sarcoma. (D) Pancreatic cancer.

pulsed by these peptides. A small number of patients (9/33) had a partial response, with greater than 50% reductions in serum PSA.[31]

Combinations of anti-PSMA antibodies or antibodies to other previously described targets such as GM2, KSA, TF, or others yet to be identified offer the potential for more specific therapy for prostate cancer.[32,33] However, the sense of encouragement arising from results with novel therapies must be tempered by the fact that certain nonprostatic tissues also bind these antibodies. In addition, attaching various isotopes or drugs to the anti-PSMA antibody may make them less able to enter prostate cancer cells.

These concerns are real but are not absolutely inhibitory. No cancer-specific antigen has yet been found, and the lack of absolute tissue or cancer specificity has not hindered trials of current therapeutic mAbs.[34,35] In addition, the mAbs possessing external domain-binding activity will likely prove more effective than 7E11, because they bind viable cells and are in fact internalized.[36] Because they are internalized, these external domain-binding antibodies offer an even more attractive approach to focusing the delivery of tumor toxins or drugs.

Therapeutic options using PSMA as a target extend beyond the treatment of prostate cancer. The possibilities for treatment of nonprostatic malignancies by utilizing the tumor-associated neovasculature expression of PSMA are intriguing and exciting. All cancers require angiogenesis to thrive and to metastasize, and it is this neovasculature that expresses PSMA, not the vasculature in normal tissue. The presence of a target in the endothelial cells of vessels avoids the requirement for an antibody-based treatment to traverse the vasculature and stroma to enter the cancerous cell. With PSMA expression in a wide variety of tumor-associated neovasculature, targeting strategies utilizing anti-PSMA mAbs may be effective.

CONCLUSIONS

With its consistent expression in prostate cancer specimens, regardless of hormonal treatment, PSMA is an excellent target for both diagnostic and therapeutic modalities in prostate cancer. At present, the 7E11 mAb is being utilized for immunoscintigraphy. Research continues on various treatment strategies that utilize PSMA; and new antibodies that bind the external domain of PSMA, and thus may be more effective, are being developed rapidly.

With recent findings, the possible therapeutic functions of these anti-PSMA antibodies extend beyond prostate cancer. The clear difference in PSMA expression between vessels associated with tumors and vessels of normal tissue is significant and makes PSMA a unique angiogenic target. The endothelial cell targets examined, such as VEGF receptors, CD31, and $\alpha_v\beta_3$ integrin, are found in normal vessels and are upregulated in cancer. Theoretically, then, treatment using these proteins as targets may be hazardous to normal vasculature. Thus far, however, PSMA has not been found in normal vessels in benign or noncancerous tissue, and strategies utilizing PSMA mAbs thus would avoid the risk of damage to normal blood vessels. The important role of angiogenesis in the formation and spread of malignancy is well documented, and antiangio-

genic strategies have had promising results with little morbidity.[37] Thus, these anti-PSMA mAbs represent a novel antiangiogenic targeting tool for future radioimaging and treatment options, not only for prostate cancer, but also for other malignant solid tumors.

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Review

Detection of Prostate Cancer and Predicting Progression: Current and Future Diagnostic Markers

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ABSTRACT

Carcinoma of the prostate is the second leading cause of male cancer-related death in the United States. Better indicators of prostate cancer presence and progression are needed to avoid unnecessary treatment, predict disease course, and develop more effective therapy. Numerous molecular markers have been described in human serum, urine, seminal fluid, and histological specimens that exhibit varying capacities to detect prostate cancer and predict disease course. However, to date, few of these markers have been adequately validated for clinical use. The purpose of this review is to examine the current status of these markers in prostate cancer and to assess the diagnostic potential for future markers from identified genes and molecules that display loss, mutation, or alteration in expression between tumor and normal prostate tissues. In this review we cite 91 molecular markers that display some level of correlation with prostate cancer presence, disease progression, cancer recurrence, prediction of response to therapy, and/or disease-free survival. We suggest criteria to consider when selecting a marker for further development as a clinical tool and discuss five examples of markers (chromogranin A, glutathione *S*-transferase π 1, prostate stem cell antigen, prostate-specific membrane antigen, and telomerase reverse transcriptase) that fulfill some of these criteria. Finally, we discuss how to conduct evaluations of candidate prostate cancer markers and some of the issues involved in the validation process.

INTRODUCTION

Carcinoma of the prostate is the second leading cause of male cancer-related death in the United States, and it is estimated that in 2003 there were approximately 220,900 new cases and 28,900 deaths from this disease (1). Since the introduction of serum prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening of asymptomatic populations, prostate cancer incidence rates have increased dramatically, as has the number of men undergoing radical prostatectomy and radiation therapy for this disease (1, 2). However, false positives for PSA continue to be a significant problem resulting in unnecessary biopsies, and the value of broad-based PSA testing with regard to predicting surgical cures has recently come into question (3).

Currently, there are no markers that differentiate clinically relevant from clinically benign disease. Better indicators of prostate cancer presence and progression are needed to avoid unnecessary treatment, predict disease course, and develop more effective therapy. A variety of putative prostate cancer markers have been described in human serum, urine, seminal fluid, and histological specimens. These markers exhibit varying capacities to detect prostate cancer and to predict disease course. These markers are distinct from chromosomal aberrations that have been associated with prostate cancer, which will not be dealt with here (4).

The purpose of this review is to examine the current status of markers in prostate cancer and to assess the diagnostic potential for future markers from identified genes and molecules that display loss, mutation, or alteration in expression between tumor and normal prostate tissues. To date, few of these markers have achieved widespread clinical utility. If we are to improve on the treatment of prostate cancer in the 21st century, we must identify and develop markers that are more clinically informative for this disease and that will allow risk-based individualization of therapy.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PROSTATE CANCER DIAGNOSTICS

The first documented case of prostate cancer was reported by Langstaff in 1817 (5). One hundred eighteen years later, in 1935, prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP) levels were identified in the ejaculate of men, thus linking this enzyme to the prostate (6). Subsequent studies showed high PAP concentrations in primary and metastatic prostate cancer tissues and in human serum, making it the first candidate marker for the diagnosis of prostate cancer (7, 8). Reductions in serum PAP levels were found to occur in response to antiandrogen therapy, whereas increasing serum levels were associated with treatment failure and relapse (9, 10). However, whereas serum PAP levels were elevated in a significant number of men with metastatic disease (8), fewer than 20% of men with localized prostate cancer exhibited abnormal enzyme levels (11, 12). Meticulous sample collection and preparation were required because both platelets and leukocytes are contaminating sources of acid phosphatases (13) and because PAP activity is rapidly lost at room temperature (14). Development of a radioimmune assay for PAP in 1975 provided some improvement in test sensitivity (15), but the sensitivity levels were still inadequate for detection of early-stage disease. Therefore, it was clear that a more sensitive and robust indicator

of disease presence would be required to detect prostate cancer in its earlier stages, when cure is more likely.

PSA is a kallekrein-like serine protease that was first described in 1971 (16). PSA is secreted from prostate epithelial cells and encoded by an androgen-responsive gene located on chromosome 19q13.3–13.4 (17). The main function of PSA is to liquefy human semen through its proteolytic action (18). PSA was initially thought to be a prostate-specific protein; however, subsequent investigations demonstrated that PSA is secreted in small quantities from a number of other normal male tissues and even some female tissues (19, 20). PSA was first detected in the serum of prostate cancer patients in 1980 (19), and a normal PSA serum concentration limit of 4 ng/ml for men was subsequently established (20). A serum level above 4 ng/ml was taken as an indicator of the possible presence of prostate cancer and served as the trigger for further clinical evaluation. Eventually, a number of studies enrolling large numbers of men over the age of 50 years suggested that quantitation of serum PSA was a useful diagnostic tool for detecting the presence of prostate cancer, particularly when combined with digital rectal examination (21–24). However, other studies have called into question the sensitivity and specificity of the PSA test (25–28). One problem is that serum PSA levels can be elevated as a result of conditions other than prostate cancer, such as benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) and prostatitis. As a result, false positives are a significant problem for the PSA test and can lead to unnecessary biopsies and other interventions. Of greater concern, 20–30% of men with prostate cancer have serum PSA levels in the normal range, resulting in undiagnosed disease (22–24). A recent study by Stamey et al. (3) has concluded that preoperative serum PSA levels do not correlate with cancer volume or the Gleason grade of radical prostatectomy specimens. This study also showed a poor correlation between preoperative serum PSA levels in the 2–9 ng/ml range and prostate cancer cure rates. Despite the drawbacks and criticisms cited here, PSA is currently the best clinical marker available for prostate cancer and the only one approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for both posttreatment monitoring of disease recurrence and, when combined with digital rectal examination, evaluation of asymptomatic men (29, 30).

GENES AND PROTEINS CORRELATING WITH PROSTATE CANCER PRESENCE AND PROGRESSION

At the direction of the United States Congress and spearheaded by the National Cancer Institute, support for basic and translational research in prostate cancer has expanded dramatically since 1992. This has resulted in an avalanche of data, much of it attempting to correlate various gene and protein markers with prostate cancer presence, progression, or disease-free survival. Some of these markers have also been proposed as potential therapeutic targets for prostate cancer treatment. However, to date, none of these candidate markers has been adequately validated for clinical use, and no replacement for PSA is visible on the scientific horizon.

Table 1 provides information on 91 genes and their encoded proteins, all of which have a potential role in prostate carcinogenesis and/or progression. All display some level of

correlation with one or more of the following factors: presence of prostate cancer, disease progression, cancer recurrence, prediction of response to therapy, or disease-free survival. Information on these markers was accumulated through literature searches using PubMed and from the GeneCards database of human genes, their products, and their involvement in diseases (31). Evidence for the association of a specific marker with human prostate cancer range from a single publication, as in the case of UROC 28, to thousands of publications, as in the case of PSA. In light of the rapid pace of new marker discovery through the use of comprehensive DNA expression analysis and proteomics, there are no doubt candidate markers missing from this list. However, we have made Table 1 as current as possible, and we hope that it will serve as a resource for the prostate cancer research community. In Table 1, we present 89 proteins (the transcripts for DD3 and PCGEM1 do not contain open reading frames) that have been correlated with some aspect of prostate cancer presence or progression in one or more studies. They are listed in alphabetical order and categorized according to their subcellular location: nucleus; cytoplasm; plasma membrane; cytoskeleton; mitochondria; microsomal membrane; endoplasmic reticulum; lysosome; or secreted. The latest information on chromosomal location and molecular weight is included, along with the most common biochemical function of the protein and its major cellular function. In cases in which the biochemical and/or cellular functions of the proteins remain to be determined, the word "unknown" appears in the appropriate column. Alterations for some of these markers, such as p53 and telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT), can be associated with specific pathways that clearly impact tumor growth and progression; for others, such as DD3 and PC-1, the causal connection is less clear. This is the case for many of the markers presented in Table 1. Whereas an informative marker need not have a specific function in disease progression (PSA is a good example), such a function is useful for understanding the molecular mechanisms of tumor progression and for developing targeted therapeutic interventions.

POTENTIAL FOR DIAGNOSTIC USE

The markers displayed in Table 1 represent a wide array of biochemical and cellular functions. These functions include those of transcription factor, protease, kinase, phosphatase, protease inhibitor, cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor, cytokine, reverse transcriptase, racemase, reductase, synthase, hydrolase, RNase, molecular chaperone, nuclear matrix, membrane scaffolding, and an assortment of other binding and permeability control proteins. There are also 9 proteins with unknown or poorly defined biochemical functions.

The question is, which of these 91 molecules, if any, are candidates for advancement "from the laboratory bench to the clinic?" This is a broad question that really has a number of parts. First, on what basis do we select from this growing list of candidate diagnostic markers those to pursue in large-scale validation studies designed to prove clinical usefulness? Second, how should these validation studies be conducted and evaluated? Third, what evidence is required to demonstrate that a new marker provides a defined "value added" to the existing methods of prostate cancer detection and for determining the likeli-

hood of disease progression and recurrence and/or response to a given therapy? Fourth, how can we successfully standardize a putative clinical assay to ensure accurate, consistent results across a broad spectrum of research and/or clinical laboratories? This review will focus on the first two questions because addressing them is a prerequisite for moving on to questions 3 and 4.

MARKER SELECTION CRITERIA

What criteria do we consider when selecting one or more of these potential markers for further development as a clinical tool, and will any of the 89 proteins and 2 transcripts presented in Table 1 satisfy these criteria? The most important item regarding the selection of a candidate marker is the quality of scientific and clinical data supporting its potential utility. These include scientific studies relating the functional role of the gene/protein to the biology of the disease and clinical data linking the candidate marker with disease presence, alterations in stage, response to therapy, and/or overall survival. The marker should be measurable by a robust, reproducible, widely available assay that provides useful information that is readily interpretable by the clinician. The ideal candidate for an early detection or disease monitoring marker would be one that is prostate specific; detectable in an easily accessible biological fluid such as human serum, urine, or prostatic fluid; and able to distinguish between normal, BPH, prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia, and cancerous prostate tissues. In addition, the marker should have sufficiently convincing clinical correlation data from several different laboratories before it is brought forward for large-scale evaluation. Whereas it is unreasonable to expect that any single potential diagnostic marker by itself will be able to fulfill all of these criteria, which molecules in Table 1 are the most promising candidates to become clinically useful diagnostic or monitoring markers, and on what basis should we make our selection?

For a marker to be useful for diagnosis and monitoring of disease, it must be demonstrated that the marker correlates with an outcome of interest, such as disease progression, recurrence, or survival. Analyses should be multivariate and should show that the marker(s) predict the outcome of interest independently of the usually available characteristics, such as stage or grade. These assessments should be conducted on a set of cases with adequate outcome data and a sufficient number of events to allow statistical significance to be evaluated. The introduction of tissue microarrays promises to streamline this process considerably.

In the absence of these supportive data, even the most promising marker will not convince either the clinical or pharmaceutical communities that it is worth substantial investment for further evaluation. Based on an analysis of published reports regarding the candidate markers in Table 1, there are five markers that appear to have a significant volume of convincing supportive data, both biological and clinical, associated with them. There are several other candidate markers that have significant supportive data; however, for the purpose of this review, we will discuss these five as examples: chromogranin A (GRN-A); glutathione S-transferase π 1 (GSTP1); prostate stem cell antigen (PSCA); prostate-specific membrane antigen

(PSMA); and TERT. Their selection in no way diminishes the potential importance of the other markers in Table 1. Each of the proteins listed in the table has different strengths and weaknesses as a clinical prostate cancer marker, and no doubt proteins other than the ones we focus on here will be brought forward for clinical evaluation in the future.

CANDIDATE MARKERS

To choose a marker for diagnosis or prognosis of disease course to bring forward for large-scale clinical evaluation, it should fulfill several criteria. First, there should be a biological or therapeutic rationale for choosing the marker, or at least a consistent association with disease presence, disease characteristics such as stage, or disease aggressiveness. Second, there should be an assessment of the strength of marker association with disease outcome. Third, the marker should be assessed as an independent predictor in a multivariate analysis. The merits and disadvantages of each of the five candidate markers we have selected for scrutiny within the context of the above criteria are discussed below.

GRN-A. GRN-A is a member of the granin family of proteins and acts as a prohormone, which, after proteolytic processing, results in the generation of multiple peptides with biological activity (32). GRN-A is stored in the dense core secretory granules of most endocrine and neuroendocrine cells and is a marker of neuroendocrine differentiation (33). Whereas serum levels of GRN-A do not accurately distinguish BPH from prostate cancer very well, they do correlate with tumor stage and grade. In addition, this marker has the capability to detect neuroendocrine cells and thus has the potential to identify androgen-independent disease. Serum GRN-A levels exhibit a well-documented rise in late-stage disease and demonstrate a wide prevalence range of 32–71%, depending on the study cited (34–43). Studies involving GRN-A have been conducted in human serum using radioimmune assay or ELISA and in tissue using immunohistochemistry (IHC). Elevated serum levels of GRN-A appear to predict poor prognosis in cases of androgen-independent prostate cancer after endocrine therapy and may be an intermediate marker of early progression for this form of the disease and a possible predictor of early death (44, 45). One study used multivariate analysis to demonstrate a significant association between GRN-A positivity and death from prostate cancer (45). Prostate neuroendocrine cells do not contain androgen receptors or produce PSA; thus hormone-refractory disease could be detected earlier in a population of men with apparently normal PSA levels than is currently possible. Whereas GRN-A does not appear to be prognostic of disease recurrence after radical prostatectomy or radiation therapy (46, 47), one report links elevated serum levels to response to estramustine therapy (48). Two significant weakness of GRN-A as a marker are that not all prostate tumors contain neuroendocrine cells and that GRN-A is unable to detect very early stage disease. However, previous studies suggest that GRN-A is able to monitor treatment success, predict disease outcome, and predict prognosis in androgen-independent prostate cancer. There are statistically significant data suggesting that when combined with PSA, elevated GRN-A levels may effectively predict a poor prognosis after endocrine therapy (49). Taken together, this evidence

Table 1 Potential prostate cancer markers

Marker	Chromosome locus	$M_r{}^a$	Subcellular location	Biochemical function	Biological/cellular function
A2M	12p13.3-12.3	163	Secreted	Protease inhibitor	Protein carrier
Akt-1	14q32.32	56	Nucleus/cytoplasm	Protein kinase	Apoptotic inhibition
AMACR	5p13.2-q11	42	Mitochondria/peroxisome	Racemase	Stereoisomerization
Annexin 2	1q21	11	Plasma membrane	Calcium and lipid binding	Membrane trafficking
Bax	19q13.3-.4	21	Cytoplasm/membrane	Bcl-2 binding	Apoptosis
Bcl-2	18q21.3	26	Mitochondrial membrane	Membrane permeability	Apoptosis
Cadherin-1	16q22.1	97	Plasma membrane	Catenin/integrin binding	Cell adhesion
Caspase 8	2q33-34	55	Cytoplasm	Protease	Apoptosis
Catenin	5q31	100	Cytoskeleton	Cadherin binding	Cell adhesion
Cav-1	7q31.1	20	Plasma membrane	Scaffolding	Endocytosis/signaling
CD34	1q32	41	Plasma membrane	Scaffolding	Cell adhesion
CD44	11p13	82	Plasma membrane	Hyaluronate binding	Cell adhesion
Clar1	19q13.3-.4	34	Nucleus	SH3 binding	Unknown
Cox-2	1q25.2-.3	69	Microsomal membrane	Prostaglandin synthase	Inflammatory response
CTSB	8p23.1	38	Lysosome	Protease	Protein turnover
Cyclin D1	11q13	34	Nucleus	CDK^b regulation	Cell cycle
DD3	9q21-22	0	Nucleus/cytoplasm	Noncoding	Unknown
DRG-1	22q12.2	43	Cytoplasm	GTP binding	Cell growth/differentiation
EGFR	7p12	134	Plasma membrane	EGF binding	Signaling
EphA2	1p36	11	Plasma membrane	Tyrosine kinase	Signaling
ERGL	15q22-23	57	Plasma membrane	Lectin/mannose binding	Unknown
ETK/BMK	Xp22.2	78	Cytoplasm	Tyrosine kinase	Signaling
EZH2	7q36.1	85	Nucleus	Transcription repressor	Homeotic gene regulation
Fas	11q13.3	23	Plasma membrane	Caspase recruitment	Apoptosis
GDEP	4q21.1	4^c	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
GRN-A	14q32	50	Secretory granules	Statin	Endocrine function
GRP78	9q33.3	72	Endoplasmic reticulum	Multimeric protein assembly	Cell stress response
GSTP1	11q13	23	Cytoplasm	Glutathione reduction	DNA protection
Hepsin	19q11-13.2	45	Plasma membrane	Serine protease	Cell growth/morphology
Her-2/Neu	17q21.1	138	Plasma membrane	Tyrosine kinase	Signaling
HSP27	7q11.23	23	Cytoplasm	Chaperone	Cell stress response
HSP70	6p21.3	70	Cytoplasm	Chaperone	Cell stress response
HSP90	11q13	63	Cytoplasm	Chaperone	Cell stress response
Id-1	20q11.1	16	Nucleus	Transcription factor	Differentiation regulator
IGF-1	12q22-23	17	Secreted	IGFR ligand	Signaling
IGF-2	11p15.5	20	Secreted	IGFR ligand	Signaling
IGFBP-2	2q33-34	35	Secreted	IGF binding	Signaling
IGFBP-3	7p13-12	32	Secreted	IGF binding	Signaling/apoptosis
IL-6	7p15.3	24	Secreted	Cytokine	B-cell differentiation
IL-8	4q13.3	11	Secreted	Cytokine	Neutrophil activation
KAI1	11p11.2	30	Plasma membrane	CD4/CD8 binding	Signaling
Ki67	10q25-ter	358	Nucleus	Nuclear matrix associated	Cell proliferation
KLF6	10p15	32	Nucleus	Transcription factor	B-cell development
KLK2	19q13.41	29	Secreted	Protease	Met-Lys/Ser-Arg cleavage
Maspin	18q21.3	42	Extracellular	Protease inhibitor	Cell invasion suppressor
MSR1	8p22	50	Plasma membrane	LDL receptor	Endocytosis
MXI1	10q25.2	26	Nucleus	Transcription factor	Myc suppression
MYC	8q24.12-.13	49	Nucleus	Transcription factor	Cell proliferation
NF-kappaB	10q24	97	Nucleus	Transcription factor	Immune response
NKX3.1	8p21	26	Nucleus	Transcription factor	Cell proliferation
OPN	4q22.1	35	Secreted	Integrin binding	Cell-matrix interaction
p16	9p21	17	Nucleus	CDK inhibitor	Cell cycle
p21	6p21.2	18	Nucleus	CDK inhibitor	Cell cycle
p27	12p13.1-12	22	Nucleus	CDK inhibitor	Cell cycle
p53	17p13.1	44	Nucleus	Transcription factor	Growth arrest/apoptosis
PAP	3q21-23	45	Secreted	Tyrosine phosphatase	Signaling
PART-1	5q12.1	7	Nucleus/cytoplasm	Unknown	Unknown
PATE	11q24.2	14	Plasma membrane	Unknown	Unknown
PC-1	5q35	32	Nucleus	RNA binding	Ribosome transport
PCGEM1	2q32	0	Nucleus/cytoplasm	Noncoding	Cell proliferation/survival
PCTA-1	1q42-43	36	Cytoplasm	Unknown	Cell adhesion
PDEF	6p21.31	38	Nucleus	Transcription factor	PSA promoter binding
PI3K p85	5q12-13	84	Cytoplasm	Lipid kinase	Signaling
PI3K p110	1p36.2	120	Cytoplasm	Lipid kinase	Signaling
PIM-1	6p21.2	36	Cytoplasm	Protein kinase	Cell differentiation/survival
PMEPA-1	20q13.31-33	32	Plasma membrane	NEDD4 binding	Growth regulation
PRAC	17q21.3	6	Nucleus	Choline/ethanolamine kinase	Unknown
Prostase	19q13.3-.4	27	Secreted	Serine protease	ECM degradation
Prostasin	16p11.2	36	Plasma membrane	Serine protease	Cell invasion suppressor

Table 1 Continued

Marker	Chromosome locus	$M_r{}^a$	Subcellular location	Biochemical function	Biological/cellular function
Prostein	1q32.1	60^a	Plasma membrane	Unknown	Unknown
PSA	19q13.3-.4	71	Secreted	Protease	Semen liquification
PSCA	8q24.2	13	Plasma membrane	Unknown	Unknown
PSDR1	14q23-24.3	35^a	Nucleus/cytoplasm	Dehydrogenase reductase	Steroid metabolism
PSGR	11p15	35	Plasma membrane	Odorant receptor	Unknown
PSMA	11p11.2	84	Plasma membrane	Folate hydrolase	Cell stress response
PSP94	10q11.23	13	Secreted	FSH inhibitor	Growth inhibition
PTEN	10q23.3	47	Cytoplasm	Protein/lipid phopatase	Signaling
RASSF1	3p21.31	33	Cytoplasm	Ras binding	Signaling
RB1	13q14.2	106	Nucleus	E2F-1 inactivation	Cell cycle
RNAseL	1q25.3	84	Cytoplasm/mitochondria	RNAse	Viral resistance
RTVP-1	12q21.1	29	Plasma membrane	Unknown	Immune response/apoptosis
ST7	7q31.2	60/85	Plasma membrane	Unknown	Cell proliferation
STEAP	7q21.23	40	Plasma membrane	Unknown	Unknown
TERT	5p15.33	127	Nucleus	Reverse transcriptase	Telomere synthesis
TIMP 1	Xp11.3-.23	23	Secreted	Protease inhibitor	Cell adhesion
TIMP 2	17q25	24	Secreted	Protease inhibitor	Cell adhesion
TMPRSS2	21q22.3	54	Plasma membrane	Serine protease	Unknown
TRPM2	8p21-12	52	Plasma membrane	Calcium channel	Ion flux
Trp-p8	2q37.1	120	Plasma membrane	Calcium channel	Ion flux
UROC28	6q23.3	17	Nucleus/cytoplasm	Choline/ethanolamine kinase	Unknown
VEGF	6p12	27	Secreted	VEGFR binding	Angiogenesis

^{a} Molecular weight (in thousands) estimated from amino acid data.

^{b} CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; EGF, epidermal growth factor; IGFR, insulin-like growth factor receptor; IGF, insulin-like growth factor; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; ECM, extracellular matrix; FSH, follicle-stimulating hormone; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor.

^{c} Data for Table 1 resourced from GeneCards database, Weizmann Institute of Science (31).

makes GRN-A a good candidate for further clinical evaluation as a prognostic and/or treatment marker for prostate cancer.

GSTP1. GSTP1 is a member of a large family of gluta-thione transferases that function to protect cells from oxidative insult (50); thus, the biological rationale for selecting this marker is its role in preventing damage to cells by neutralizing free radicals. This marker is also unique in its capacity to provide a facile methylation-based detection method for an important epigenetic phenomenon. GSTP1 has been extensively studied in prostate cancer, and its reduced expression, due predominantly to promotor hypermethylation, represents the most common epigenetic alteration associated with this disease. One study has shown that in prostate cancer cells, methylation of the GSTP1 gene is not confined to the promoter but is extensive throughout the CpG islands (51). Several studies have shown a high sensitivity for this marker to detect the presence of both prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia and prostate cancer, an ability to distinguish these from BPH, and a prevalence of methylation in the range of 60–80% in prostate cancer (51–61). In addition, several GSTP1 polymorphisms have shown a correlation with increased risk of disease development, although data regarding this ability are conflicting (62–67). Strengths of GSTP1 as a clinical marker are the ability to quantitate the methylation status of the GSTP1 gene in biopsy/prostatectomy tissues and in cells derived from serum, urine, and seminal plasma and its high prevalence in this disease. Recent studies using quantitative real-time methylation-sensitive PCR demonstrate that GSTP1 methylation could be a sensitive marker for prostate cancer in men with clinically localized disease (51). In addition, there is no correlation between GSTP1 methylation status and PSA levels, making GSTP1 a potential early and independent marker for the disease. The ability of GSTP1 hy-

permethylation to distinguish between BPH and prostate cancer is well documented, and one recent study correlated methylation status with poor prognosis in 101 patients diagnosed with prostate cancer (68). However, whereas these results are statistically significant, they were not tested by multivariate analysis. Reversal of GSTP1 CpG island hypermethylation and gene reactivation in LNCaP prostate carcinoma cells can be achieved by procainamide treatment; however, no effect on tumor cell growth was observed in these studies (69). The strengths of GSTP1 methylation status, as cited above, and the possible availability in the near future of drugs that can reverse hypermethylation make it a good candidate for further evaluation as an early detection marker. If successfully validated, GSTP1 methylation testing of cells derived from serum and urine samples may have clinical usefulness for both early detection of prostate cancer and posttreatment monitoring of disease.

PSCA. PSCA is a glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored cell surface antigen that is found predominantly in prostate and may play a role in stem cell functions such as proliferation or signal transduction (70). Whereas the biological role of PSCA in prostate cancer is unclear, the marker is expressed predominantly in the prostate and has potential as a therapeutic target. Other strengths of PSCA as a prostate cancer marker include elevated PSCA expression levels in the majority of prostate cancers and a correlation between this elevation and higher Gleason grade and more advanced tumor stage (71–74). Published studies also show a high correlation (64–94%) between increased PSCA expression and the presence of prostate cancer, with protein expression localized to both the basal and secretory cells (71–75). PSCA has been assayed by a variety of methods, including in situ hybridization, quantitative reverse transcription-PCR, and IHC, demonstrating a prevalence of 48–94% for

prostate cancer (71, 72, 76). One IHC study demonstrated an association between increased PSCA expression and higher Gleason score, more advanced tumor stage, and progression to androgen-independent prostate cancer (72). However, extensive multivariate analysis to confirm these findings has yet to be performed. PSCA expression is maintained in androgen-independent prostate cancer, and PSCA is highly expressed in metastatic disease (71–76). Whereas most of the studies performed to date have been on prostate tissue samples, there is at least one report of PSCA detection in peripheral blood (73). Another strength of this marker is its potential as a therapeutic target. Anti-PSCA monoclonal antibodies have been shown to inhibit tumor growth and metastasis formation of human xenografts grown in *scid* mice (76). This opens up the possibility for therapeutic treatment of human prostate cancers using immunotherapeutic regimens (76–78). In addition, PSCA is co-amplified with the tumor progression factor and oncogene c-*myc* in locally advanced prostate cancers, suggesting a role for PSCA in the progression of this disease (74, 79). Three weaknesses of PSCA as a candidate for further development are the limited number of published studies supporting its value as a clinical marker, a need for better quantitation methods, and uncertainty as to whether analysis of PSCA levels adds information to the results of PSA testing. However, based on the available data and the value of PSCA as a therapeutic target, further evaluation of PSCA as a clinical prostate cancer marker should be performed to determine its utility.

PSMA. Discovered in 1987, PSMA is a cell surface membrane protein and one of the most extensively studied prostate cancer markers cited in Table 1 (80). PSMA is a type II integral membrane protein that displays multiple enzymatic activities (81, 82). The protein translocates from the cytosol in normal prostate to the plasma membrane in prostate cancer (83). The exact biological role of PSMA in the disease mechanism is unclear at this time; however, extensive data exist on its utility as a marker and therapeutic target. Numerous studies have shown that PSMA serum levels are elevated in primary prostate cancer and metastatic disease, that PSMA demonstrates a >90% prevalence in the disease, and that levels can be detected in both tumor tissue and serum using several antibodies (84–91). PSMA has been detected in prostate tissues using IHC and Western analysis, in circulating prostate cancer cells by reverse transcription-PCR, and in serum using ELISA assays. One study using Western analysis demonstrated that in postprostatectomy patients, PSMA values are elevated in hormone-refractory tumors, suggesting that PSMA levels may correspond with poor clinical outcome (85). In another study (92), PSMA serum levels were found to increase with age and were significantly elevated in men over 50 years of age. To date, however, increased PSMA serum levels have not been convincingly linked to disease aggressiveness, and perhaps due to tumor differentiation status, some studies have shown that levels actually decrease in advanced disease (93). PSMA protein has also been shown to be up-regulated in prostate cancer patients after androgen deprivation therapy (94). Recent technological advances have allowed for the high-throughput assay of this marker in human serum using a protein chip, mass spectrometry platform (95). That study demonstrated significantly greater PSMA levels in men with prostate cancer than in those with BPH or with no

evidence of disease. PSMA is moderately prostate specific and has been investigated as a target for immunotherapy using autologous dendritic cells (96). Efforts are also under way using the PSMA gene promoter to pursue gene therapy strategies by introducing cytotoxic agents into prostate cancer cells (97). A weakness of PSMA as a clinical marker for early diagnosis is that elevated serum levels have been observed in healthy males and females and in the serum of breast cancer patients (98). Another weakness is that serum levels of PSMA have been shown to increase with increasing age, which could be a confounding factor in a disease that most often occurs late in life. However, there is an abundance of data supporting the ability of PSMA to detect the presence of prostate cancer, and new technologies are being developed that allow quantitative high-throughput analysis of biological fluids. This argues in favor of further evaluation of this marker to determine whether or not it has clinical utility for prostate cancer detection or treatment monitoring or as a treatment target.

TERT. The *TERT* gene encodes the reverse transcriptase component of telomerase that maintains the telomeric ends of chromosomes and has been associated with senescence and cancer (99). The TERT component is expressed in cells that exhibit telomerase activity and is undetectable in most benign tissues (100). The biological rationale for selecting TERT is the ability of TERT to confer cellular immortalization, a major step in the process of malignant transformation. Thus, this marker may provide a very sensitive means for detecting infiltrating cancer cells in benign tissue. A significant number of studies have been conducted to evaluate TERT or telomerase activity as a marker for prostate cancer (101–119). Published reports demonstrate that TERT activity levels exhibit a prevalence range of 63–94% for prostate cancer, and activity has been detected in some cases of high-grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (100–111). TERT has been most often assayed by IHC or the telomeric repeat amplification protocol assay. Most studies find the marker consistently absent from normal prostate and the majority of BPH tissues. The highest TERT activity appears to correlate with poorly differentiated disease, and there is some evidence for a correlation with tumor stage and grade and patient mortality and disease recurrence (100, 104, 107–109). Whereas statistical significance has been demonstrated in some of these studies, the correlations have not been tested by multivariate analysis. TERT activity does not correlate with PSA level, making it a potential independent marker for prostate cancer. One study suggests that telomere length in tumor tissues correlates with survival and recurrence in prostate cancer patients (120). However, TERT also displays several weaknesses as a clinical marker for prostate cancer detection. TERT is not prostate specific, and in most studies, assays were conducted in prostate tissues, and thus required biopsy material before marker assay. However, several studies have now successfully used human urine, seminal fluid, and prostatic fluid to detect TERT activity (113, 114, 121). Although TERT activity levels appear to be independent of PSA, the "value added" of TERT for early detection, staging, or prognosis and the overall clinical utility of TERT remain to be fully uncovered. Further evaluation of TERT may reveal a niche for use of TERT as a supplement to PSA testing.

MARKERS IDENTIFIED BY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

Recently, methodologies as diverse as positional cloning, differential display, comprehensive DNA expression analysis, and serum proteomic analysis have provided some very preliminary yet exciting prostate cancer marker candidates. Among these are Hepsin, a serine protease associated with cell growth and morphology (122–124); RNase L, a RNase involved in viral resistance and a candidate for the HPC1 gene (125, 126); ST7, a protein of unknown function (127–129); and EZH2, a homeotic protein that participates in the repression of gene expression (130, 131). In addition, proteomic analysis of serum from prostate cancer patients has shown promise for diagnostic and prognostic use for this disease (132). Candidate markers identified by these new technologies will require confirmation and correlation with disease formation or progression or with patient survival or response to therapy in additional human samples before they can be considered for validation studies.

CLINICAL EVALUATION AND AN EVALUATION PROCESS EXAMPLE

To validate the clinical usefulness of any marker, it is important to first establish what the end point will be. This, in turn, will determine the study population that will be examined. The appropriate statistical design of the study will require information on prevalence and the postulated strength of the association of marker expression with the outcome of interest. These considerations will, in turn, determine both specificity and sensitivity of the marker. In some situations, an appropriate control population may be required to determine the specificity of the marker through the determination of false positive and negative rates. Finally, an appropriate sample collection, preparation, and assay method must be decided on. Multi-institutional clinical studies will also likely require the use of a central laboratory or shared controls and training sets of malignant samples to ensure accuracy and consistency. An example may serve to illustrate a reasonable evaluation process.

Suppose we wish to further evaluate a hypothetical marker, which we will call Optimal Marker in Prostate Carcinoma (OMPC), for clinical utility. Previous studies indicate a correlation between OMPC expression and metastatic disease. The clinical question to be addressed is whether this marker can predict which patients with early-stage disease will eventually develop metastatic disease despite local therapy. To accomplish this, we would want to evaluate a large enough number of cases of early-stage prostate cancer for which there is a minimum of 5 years of clinical follow-up data available to obtain a robust assessment of the strength of association between the marker and outcome. The method of OMPC analysis would be selected based on limit of detection, sources of variability, suitability for the samples that will be available, day-to-day and interobserver variability, cost, scalability, and optimum reagents (133). The procedure for scoring or interpreting the results of the assay will need to be optimized to reduce variability. If cut points are to be used, they should also be developed and tested for robustness, if necessary.

The optimized assay is then performed on a large number

of early-stage prostate cancer cases, with the hypothetical result that all patients express the marker, but only 40% express at "high" levels as determined by our cut point. For illustrative purposes, say these high expressers have a 2.5× greater risk of developing metastatic disease after local therapy. Does OMPC predict outcome at least as well as or independently of the other known prognostic factors, Gleason score and PSA? Because all of the patients had early-stage cancers, a multivariate analysis including all of the significant prognostic factors would answer this question. If OMPC remained a strong prognostic factor for development of metastatic disease, with a hazard ratio of at least 2, and was independent of other prognostic factors, we would be more confident of its potential value. However, this would require verification in an independent cohort of patients with early-stage prostate cancer receiving a defined initial local treatment. Using an estimate of 40% high expression prevalence, we can calculate the size of the study necessary to determine whether the marker is associated with a hazard ratio of at least 2, with an 80% power to detect a minimum 2-fold effect on the likelihood of metastatic development (134). Whereas we have here addressed the analysis of a single marker, the strategy outlined would also apply to a genomic or proteomic "profile" as determined by comprehensive molecular analysis.

CONCLUSIONS

The development of novel and clinically relevant markers for prostate cancer diagnosis, prognosis, and prediction is essential to the optimal identification and treatment of this disease. With the advent of DNA expression analysis, tissue microarrays, and proteomic analysis, the list of potential prostate cancer markers grows daily. Sorting through these potential markers and bringing them from the laboratory environment into clinical use at the patient bedside will require a comprehensive pursuit and rigorous analysis. Many of the molecules cited in Table 1 have languished for years in a gray zone between usefulness as a clinical marker for prostate cancer and elimination from further consideration. As a research community, we must devise approaches that will ensure that we realize the next generation of clinically relevant prostate cancer markers.

We have here attempted to provide examples of potential prostate cancer markers that may be of clinical benefit in prostate cancer detection, prognosis, and/or prediction. We have also suggested one possible methodology for the clinical evaluation of these markers. The goal of this effort is not to dictate the optimal markers or the methodologies for their verification, but to provide by example a framework from which the general research community can work toward achieving the goal of bringing new prostate cancer markers forward for clinical use.

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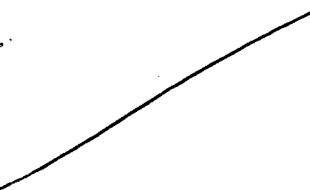4) Elgamal, AA, 2000, Seminars in Surgical oncology , 18(1): 10-6.

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Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA): Current Benefits and Future Value

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We will review the evolution, benefits, and limitations of PSMA testing in the past, as well as its current and future value. Prostate cancer has been the most frequently diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men in the United States. It has a wide spectrum of biological behavior between latent (indolent) and progressive (aggressive). Further identification of prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) as a prognostic proliferation marker may enhance our understanding of the types of prostate cancer. A review of PSMA testing in the past as well as currently was conducted. Studies were reviewed that deal with detection of PSMA in serum and seminal fluid, reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), immunoscintigraphy, and immunohistochemical assays. PSMA is expressed primarily in benign and cancerous prostatic epithelial cells. It is up-regulated in hormone resistant states, and in metastatic situations or other clinical situations where there is tumor recurrence or extension. Based on current results, PSMA detected in the serum by western blotting can assist in the identification, staging, and monitoring of metastatic prostate cancer. In addition, PSMA shows a promising role in directed imaging and therapy of recurrent or metastatic disease. *Semin. Surg. Oncol. 18:10–16, 2000.* © 2000 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

INTRODUCTION

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men in the United States [1]. According to the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program of the National Cancer Institute, the incidence of distant disease has decreased with increased screening, and consequently, mortality rates have decreased in recent years. However, prostate carcinoma accounted for about 38% of all deaths of men aged 50 years and older; men older than 69 years had a greater chance of death than men in the age range of 50 to 69 years [2, 3]. After diagnosis with prostatic carcinoma, death occurred within 5 years in about 61% of patients and within 10 years in about 88%. SEER program analysis suggested that one-third of patients who are diagnosed fall into the category of those for whom cure is ne-

cessary but may not be possible (patients with primary extraprostatic spread or failure after prostate cancer treatment) [2, 3]. These patients ultimately need considerable hospital care and palliative treatments before they finally die of, or with, prostate cancer [4]. For such patients we need additional markers that are not influenced by hormonal therapy and/or tumor dedifferentiation. Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) alone might not reflect the pattern of growth and response to treatment and additional markers like prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) might be warranted for patients with advanced disease [5–8].

As a serum marker, PSMA has been used in diagnosis of non-localized prostate cancer [8]. PSMA peptides also have been employed as part of a cancer vaccine therapy [9]. To date, the most widely used diagnostic application of PSMA is in the field of radio-immunoscintigraphy. The [111]Indium-labeled monoclonal antibody (Mab) 7E11-C5, which recognizes PSMA on the prostatic cell surface, is employed as CYT-356 or ProstaScint® [10, 11]. This radiolabeled Mab can be infused intravenously and provides a means for radio-immunoscintigraphy of extraprostatic spread of the disease [10, 11]. The molecular detection of PSMA, utilizing the reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) technique, also allowed for identification of metastatic prostate cancer cells (or prostate-like cells) in the general circulation of most patients with advanced disease [12]. Immunohistochemical staining showed that PSMA expression was related to tumor grading, and that PSMA was more highly expressed than PSA in poorly differentiated primary or secondary prostate cancer lesions [13].

We will review the evolution, benefits, and limitations of PSMA testing in the past, as well as its current and future value. It is hoped that clinical applications of PSMA will enhance our understanding and management of non-localized prostate cancer and help in differentiating latent from progressive variants of the disease.

PSMA DISCOVERY AND EXPRESSION

In 1987, Horoszewicz and colleagues originally defined PSMA as recognized by 7E11-C5.3 Mab. 7E11-C5.3 is a murine immunoglobulin G (IgG$_1$) Mab derived after immunization of mice with a purified fractions of cell membrane isolated from human prostate cancer LNCaP cells [14]. Immunohistochemical analyses of frozen sections from a variety of normal and malignant human tissues and human cell lines were tested for PSMA expression. Ninety-three percent of 27 specimens from benign and malignant prostates displayed immunoreactivity for PSMA. Staining was restricted to epithelial cells of the prostate, with no staining of stromal components. Prostatic cancer was intensely stained whereas normal and hyperplastic tissue showed weak to moderate staining. Weak reactivity was seen in 2/14 normal human kidney specimens and no staining was observed in 108 specimens from 27 other normal human organs [14].

Further studies from different institutions provided results similar to that of the original report. Immunohistochemical staining for PSMA was also observed in 33/35 primary prostate tumors, in 7/8 specimens of prostate cancer lymph node metastases, and in 8/18 bone metastases [15, 16]. Less intense and non-specific staining was noticed in normal specimens from the brain, salivary glands, sweat glands, renal tubules, cardiac and skeletal muscles and intestines. The variability in the results relating to extraprostatic expression of PSMA may be due to differ-

ences in detection methods and experimental protocols [8, 17, 18]. Immunoreactivity for PSMA has been observed in vascular endothelial cells restricted to the cancer region in a variety of tumors, but not in normal vascular endothelium [19]. Recently, immunohistochemical analysis of 184 radical prostatectomy specimens revealed consistent PSMA-staining in all cases [13]. The staining intensity was less in benign epithelium than in adenocarcinoma (mean 69.5% vs. 80.2%). In contrast, immunoreactivity for PSA was higher in benign epithelium than in adenocarcinoma (mean 81.2% vs. 74.2%). Utilizing 7E11.C5 antibody, there was no staining of prostatic stroma, urothelium, or tumor capillary endothelial cells [13]. These studies indicate that PSMA is highly specific for prostate epithelial cells; its increased expression with cancer progression makes it a particularly useful marker for histologic prognostic evaluation.

PSMA CHARACTERISTICS AND FUNCTION

The gene encoding PSMA consists of 19 exons spanning approximately 60-kilo base (kb) of genomic DNA [20]. The coding sequence of PSMA gene is 2.65-kb in length and encodes a 750-amino acid type II transmembrane glycoprotein with a 100 to 120-kilo Dalton (kDa) molecular weight [8, 17]. As shown in Figure 1, PSMA is composed of three structural domains: A 19-amino acid intracellular or N-terminal domain, a 24-amino acid transmembrane domain, and a 707-amino acid extracellular domain. The gene for PSMA has been cloned and fully sequenced and has been localized to the short arm of chromosome 11, probably at 11p11-p12 [20]. It is also suggested that a gene homologous, but not identical, to PSMA exists on the long arm of chromosome 11, i.e., 11q14 [20,21].

PSMA-mRNA is down-regulated by androgens such as 5-α-dihydrotestosterone and is upregulated by growth factors such as basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF), transforming growth factor-alpha (TGF-α), and epidermal growth factor (EGF). This behavior is consistent with the observed elevated expression of PSMA, either in patients after androgen deprivation therapy or with hormone refractory tumors [22, 23].

The function of PSMA is not clear. Most type II transmembrane proteins are transport proteins or membrane-associated receptors or proteases [21]. Moreover, the high expression of PSMA in prostatic tissues may imply that it has an important physiological function. PSMA may be related to cleaving of the neuropeptidase N-acetylaspartyl glutamate (NAAG) to yield N-acetylaspartate and glutamate. An additional enzymatic activity of PSMA also is a carboxypeptidase that cleaves gamma-glutamyl residues from folate [20]. Increased levels of PSMA in aggressive tumors may imply a role in transformation or invasiveness of prostatic epithelial cells [7,8,17,18].

Fig. 1.   Diagram representing prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) expressed in the membrane of prostate epithelial cells. PSMA is comprised of a short 19-amino acid intracellular domain, a 24-amino acid transmembrane domain, and a 707-amino acid extracellular do-main. PSMA, prostate-specific membrane antigen. [Adapted from [8]: Cancer 83(11) 1998, p. 2259–2269. ©1998 American Cancer Society. Reprinted with permission of Wiley-Liss, Inc., a subsidiary of John Wiley & Sons, Inc.]

VARIATIONS OF PSMA ANTIGENS AND ANTIBODIES

Su and colleagues examined the expression of PSMA-mRNA in normal prostate using reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and sequencing [24]. They found an alternatively spliced variant designated PSM' which is missing the coding sequence for the first 27-amino acids from the N-terminal of PSMA. This missing region is composed of the intracellular, transmembrane, and a portion of the extracellular domain of PSMA. Published data indicate that PSMA is the dominant form in primary prostate tumors and in LNCaP human prostate cancer cells, whereas normal human prostate expresses more PSM' than PSMA. Specimens of benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) show equal expression of both variants [24].

The PSM' protein has recently been purified from LNCaP cells using two immuno-affinity columns in tandem [25]. The 7E11-antibody binds to the first six amino acids from the N-terminal of the full length PSMA protein distributed on the intracellular membrane (this portion is missing in PSM'). Antibody designated PEQ226.5 binds to an epitope common to both PSMA and PSM'. The protein eluted produced a 95 kDa band that was slightly lower than the full-length PSMA. The band was sequenced and coincided with the predicted sequence for PSM' protein minus its first two N-terminal amino acids [25]. Noteworthy is the fact that the latter sequence starts at residue num-ber 60. Residue number 59 is a lysine. This suggests that a trypcin-like cleavage of PSM' may have occurred to cause a loss in these two residues [25].

Recently, Liu et al. [19] and Murphy et al. [26] reported the isolation of new panels of monoclonal antibodies reactive with the extracellular domain of PSMA. The antibodies obtained displayed strong reactivity and specificity for different extracellular epitopes of PSMA. Western blot results also indicated the variable ability of these new antibodies to cross-react with PSM'. The functional and tissue specific properties of each antibody merit additional studies to define their potential clinical usefulness in diagnosis and treatment of non-localized prostate cancer [26]. The Seattle group has obtained several distinctive antibodies that are specific for protein conformational epitopes in the extracellular domain. These antibodies are unreactive with denatured protein but effectively label live prostate cells [26,27].

RADIOIMMUNOSCINTIGRAPHY OF PSMA: PROSTASCINT® SCAN

Primary extraprostatic spread or failure after prostate cancer treatment can occur locally in the prostatic fossa and/or metastasize to regional and/or distant lymphatics and/or in bone. These represent different stages of cancer and have a different prognosis. Although serum PSA may detect treatment failure it does not indicate site(s) of fail-

ure, and can be suppressed by adjuvant hormone therapy [6,28]. Computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonant imaging (MRI) are dependent on size of lymph node metastases and are not specific for the presence of prostate cancer cells [29]. Guided needle biopsy of prostatic fossa or lymph nodes is a relatively invasive procedure, operator dependent, and subject to inherent sampling errors [30]. A new diagnostic tool, the radiolabeled murine-IgG_1 7E11-C5, also known as CYT-356 or ProstaScint® scan, is an immunoscintigraphy scan that identifies PSMA expression in soft tissues. It has provided means for detecting prostate cancer metastases [10,11]. To date, no other antibody imaging specific for prostate cancer was successful, even when utilizing anti-PSA antibodies [10]. Factors that contributed to the approval of ProstaScint® for imaging prostate cancer include the cell membrane-bound nature of the target antigen (i.e., PSMA) and its high affinity to be expressed in dedifferentiated, metastatic, and hormonally treated prostate cancers [13,17,22]. In addition, few adverse reactions have been reported post-infusion of the antibodies [31]. For instance, testing the serum for human anti-mouse antibody (HAMA) reaction was positive in less than 5% [9,31–36].

Multiple studies have defined the sensitivity and specificity of the ProstaScint® scan in prostate cancer patients who underwent conventional CT or MRI scanning, surgical or needle biopsies [31,33,34]. These individuals may also have exhibited a rising serum PSA after radical prostatectomy [31,33–35,37–41]. Table I illustrates the results of 482 ProstaScint® scans in detecting primary or recurrent prostate cancer that spread locally or regionally to the lymph nodes. These results are better than those of conventional CT scanning: for instance, ProstaScint® has a sensitivity of 75% and an accuracy of 81% whereas CT alone has a sensitivity of 36%—and CT, MRI, and ultrasound have a combined accuracy of only 48% [29,35]. Furthermore, the ProstaScint® scan may be superior to the positron-emission tomography (PET) for identifying recurrent prostate cancer [38]. ProstaScint® also is useful in

determining (prior to treatment) if prostate cancer will likely recur or has already spread to other parts of the patient [34,40]. It has been observed that salvage radiotherapy was more likely to lead to a durable complete PSA response in men with prostate cancer who failed radical prostatectomy and had a negative ProstaScint® outside the pelvis as compared with those who had a positive scan [34]. In addition, the ProstaScint® scan was more predictable than clinical staging algorithms (prognostic tables) in predicting lymph node involvement prior to lymphadenectomy in 198 patients with clinical Stage T2-T3 prostate cancer. The positive predictive values of the scan and staging algorithms were 66% and 46%, and areas under ROC curve were 0.71 and 0.6, respectively [40].

At present, it appears that the ProstaScint® scan and serum PSMA test now available may predict patient outcome and describe the extent of cancer more accurately than previously possible [42, 31]. In addition, it is expected that the isolation and characterization of new Mabs specific for extracellular domain of the PSMA may enhance sensitivity of the ProstaScint® scan in the future due to intracellular localization of the binding epitope of the currently used 7E11 antibody [26].

MEASUREMENT OF SERUM PSMA: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Before interpreting the role of serum PSMA measurement in the management of patients with prostate cancer, we need to know the pre-existing limitations. Currently, information about serum PSMA levels in prostate cancer patients are limited and are hampered by two main factors. First, very little is known about how the PSMA molecules are shed into the general circulation and what regulates this process. The exact mechanisms of regulation of PSMA in prostatic cells, as well as the metabolism or yield of PSMA molecules after its release in the blood, are still unclear. The assay used today is a western blot, and does not represent the finest type of assay being developed in our laboratory. A reproducible

TABLE I. Tabulated Results of ProstaScint® Scan Studies

References	No. of patients	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)	AUC	Overall accuracy (%)
Babaian et al. [33]	19	44	86	50	83	NA	76
Chengazi et al. [37]	35	92	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Elgamal et al. [31]	100	89	67	89	NA	NA	89
Haseman et al. [38]	14	86	43	60	75	NA	NA
Hinkle et al. [35]	51	75	86	79	NA	NA	81
Khan et al. [39]	27	94	36	NA	NA	NA	NA
Polascik et al. [40]	198	62	80	66	76	0.71	NA
Ulchaker et al. [41]	38	55	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pooled results	482	74.6	66.3	68.6	78	0.71	82

AUC, area under curve; NA, not available; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value.

assay with two Mabs is preferred for simple, fast and sensitive measurements. Given these difficulties and the relatively recent discovery of PSMA, there are insufficiently fewer studies on serum PSMA as compared to PSA (fewer than 1% in a MEDLINE search of the literature though December, 1998).

Compared to PSA, PSMA has relatively larger molecular weight and is excreted at lower level in prostatic excretions [5–8, 17, 18, 43, 44].

Today, there are only two research assays available for measurement of serum PSMA levels: The competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or the western blot technique can be utilized [44–46]. At present, we prefer the latter test. In our studies, western blot quantification was relative and showed the strength of the PSMA-band intensity as revealed from densitometric evaluation of the scanned blots. Nevertheless, higher PSMA levels did correlate with higher pathologic stages but generally not for clinically localized disease [5, 42, 45].

A first-generation competitive ELISA was described by Horoszewicz and colleagues in 1987 [14]–an LNCaP-based assay that utilized Mab 9H10-A4 in addition to 7E11-C5. They demonstrated increased PSMA level in the sera of 47% (20/43) prostate cancer patients, which is three standard deviations above the mean of normal control. They also suggested that patients with a positive ELISA test were more likely to be in cancer progression as compared to those who were negative. Serum PSMA was elevated in only 5% (3/66) nonprostatic cancer patients and in none of 30 normal blood donors or seven BPH patients. Subsequently, Rochon and colleagues confirmed the findings of Horoszewicz et al. using a similar competitive ELISA assay [46]. These observations were conducted on 38 different patients with localized or disseminated disease [44]. Again, the ELISA assay recognized a significant elevation in the serum PSMA, mainly at stage D2, and a rather modest increase in the presence of clinical progression. Sera from BPH patients were not elevated above the normal. The results of PSMA measurement by competitive ELISA suggest that PSMA be of potential use for aggressive or metastatic prostate cancer. The recent isolation of additional Mabs specific for the extracellular domain of PSMA carry a significant potential towards development of a sandwich-sensitive ELISA test for measurement of PSMA [26].

DETECTION OF PSMA IN SEMINAL FLUID

Given the fact that PSMA is a prostate cell surface antigen, it is reasonable to expect its highest yield in semen plasma as compared to blood or other body fluids. Using Western blot analysis, several researchers have demonstrated the presence of PSMA in seminal plasma at very high levels [16,46]. Troyer and colleagues found the most consistent expression of PSMA in seminal plasma obtained from normal donors, demonstrating the 120-kDa band and

often an 80-kDa band [16]. Seminal plasma from BPH patients exhibited variable expression of PSMA, ranging from very low to overexpression. The expression of PSMA in prostate cancer patients was comparable to that in normal samples [16].

Using the antibody 7E11-5E and flow cytometry, we have identified prostate cells in seminal fluid [47]. In several cases, the ratio of PSMA: Cytokeratin positive cells was determined, and found to be elevated (mean of 57%) in 11 prostate cancer patients as compared to 12% in 14 normal controls [47]. These data support the hypothesis that seminal PSMA can be useful in diagnosing patients with prostate cancer, however, further research in this area is needed [47].

RT-PCR FOR DETECTION OF PSMA-MRNA

Recent reviews show that RT-PCR is in its earliest stages of development, and should not be summarily dismissed nor should it be used to guide clinical decisions [48–50]. Clinical studies to date have shown that RT-PCR can detect circulating PSA or PSMA-expressing cells in many patients with frank metastases, in a subset with localized prostate cancer, or in negative controls including healthy women and normal healthy men. Too few institutions report a correlation between results of RT-PCR and pathologically staged disease. A negative RT-PCR results does not rule out micrometastases, and at present, the prognosis of a patient with clinically localized disease and a positive RT-PCR is not known [48–50].

It is assumed that cells expressing prostate-specific markers (PSA-mRNA or PSMA-mRNA) are not normally present in blood, bone marrow, or lymph node biopsies. Using PSMA-mRNA as a marker, RT-PCR-assays have been used for detection of prostate cancer micrometastasis in blood. Table II shows a comparison of PSMA and PSA RT-PCR results for groups of patients with metastatic prostate cancer [12,51–55]. The pooled sensitivity of PSMA (66%) and that of PSA (62%) suggest that current methodology is not adequate to detect all of the patients with proven metastases. The wide range of results published in the studies cited in Table II suggests that the blood of some

TABLE II. A Comparison of Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Sensitivities of Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA) and Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) in Patients with Metastatic Prostate Cancer

References	PSMA RT-PCR	PSA RT-PCR
Cama et al. [51]	10/20 (50%)	16/20 (80%)
Israeli et al. [12]	16/24 (67%)	6/24 (25%)
Grasso et al. [52]	10/11 (91%)	7/11 (64%)
Loric et al. [53]	28/33 (85%)	17/33 (51%)
Sokoloff et al. [54]	13/33 (39%)	29/33 (88%)
Zhang et al. [55]	10/11 (91%)	7/11 (64%)
Pooled sensitivity	87/132 (66%)	82/132 (62%)

patients does not contain PSMA- or PSA-expressing cells, or that sensitivity of the RT-PCR assays is not sufficient. Nevertheless, recent studies report on improved sensitivity by combining both PSMA and PSA RT-PCR [55,52]. Grasso et al. evaluated the role of a combined screening approach for nested RT-PCR of PSA and PSMA in staging 136 prostate cancer patients, including 107 patients with clinically localized disease [52]. They correlated preoperative RT-PCR results with final pathological stages and found that PSMA was a more sensitive marker than PSA in detecting circulating prostate cells (*P*< 0.0001). The combination PSA/PSMA nested RT-PCR was a better predictor of tumor extracapsular extension than initial serum PSA, clinical stage, and biopsy Gleason score [52]. Since this polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique cannot be quantified at present, its future usefulness may be limited.

CONCLUSIONS

PSMA has contributed to identifying, staging, and monitoring metastatic prostate cancer. The development of an ELISA for accurate measurement of PSMA in body fluids has potential significance. A combination of PSMA and other prostate cancer-markers may have a synergistic effect on the management of variant types of prostate cancer. In addition, PSMA shows a promising role in directed imaging and therapy of recurrent or metastatic disease.

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